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Our map shows the point at the mouth of the Columbia River, the treacherous Peacock Spit, where the freighter Iowa was dashed on the rocks in a 90-mile gale last month. Her crew of 34 was lost.

MISSING MAIL PLANE

Anxiety Felt For Air France Machine

Paris, To-day.
Anxiety is felt at the non-arrival of the trans-Atlantic seaplane, Ville de Buenos Aires, which is many hours overdue at Dakar, to where it was voyaging from Natal, Brazil, with a crew of five and one passenger. There has been no wireless communication from the plane since Monday afternoon.
A Natal message states that a patrol of Air France boats, capable of 30 knots, which are continuously employed in the sea-passage between Africa and South America in order to maintain wireless communication, with mail planes, is now scouring the South Atlantic for the missing seaplane.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

DISCOVERY OF U.S. AIRMEN

Official Thanks Conveyed

"GENEROUS ASSISTANCE" WELCOMED

London, To-day.
On instructions from his Government the United States Charge d'Affaires has assured the Foreign Secretary of the sincere gratitude of his Government for the efforts of His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, in the Commonwealth of Australia and in New Zealand on behalf of the lost Ellsworth and Mr. Hollick Kenyon, who were rescued in the Antarctic by the Royal Research Ship Discovery II. The Charge d'Affaires said that the effective work of those on board the Discovery II was deeply appreciated in the United States. The generous assistance given to the airmen by the British Grahamland Expedition was similarly acknowledged.
Discovery II is expected at Melbourne on Friday. She will resume her scientific work after leaving Melbourne on or about March 2.—British Wireless Service.

BRITISH TRAMP SUBSIDY

To Be Continued During 1936

London, To-day.
In the House of Commons a resolution for the continuance during 1936 of the £2,000,000 subsidy for British tramp shipping was carried by 206 votes to 134.—Reuter.

WORLD RAW MATERIALS MAJOR CAUSE OF UNREST

Lord Lothian's Letter To "The Times"

GREAT INTEREST AROUSED IN GERMANY

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.
The German press gives much prominence to a letter of Lord Lothian, published by the London "Times" yesterday, in which the writer strongly advocates an international investigation of the problem of giving the suffocated Powers access to the world's raw materials.

Such investigations were first mentioned by Sir Samuel Hoare in a speech in September last. While it is pointed out here that Lord Lothian carefully avoids mentioning the malicious accusations levelled against Germany during and after the war, hearty approval is given to the part of the letter which states that the major cause for the present armament race, the war in Abyssinia and the threatened conflict in Europe, is not to be found in territorial frontiers, but in economic suffocation.

The German papers underline the following passages of Lord Lothian's letter:—

"The only way out of the present war and war crisis is to show to Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler and Dr. Schacht, that there is another way for a steadily rising living standard of their people than the costly and uncertain way of force and war."—Trans-Ocean Service.

R.A.F. FLYING BOATS HELD UP

Not Expected At Manila Until To-morrow

Manila, To-day.
The three giant R.A.F. flying boats, commanded by Commodore S. W. Smith and manned by 25 officers and crew, are not expected in Manila till to-morrow having been delayed at Kuching, Sarawak, by bad weather. They left Singapore on Monday, expecting to reach Manila in three daily hops via Kuching and Kudat, British North Borneo, but were compelled to spend yesterday at Kuching, from where they are taking off for Kudat to-day.

After a stay of two or three days in Manila they will take off for Hong Kong, Amoy, Shanghai, Kagoshima and Tokyo. The return flight will follow the same route to Hong Kong, thence via Kamranh Bay and Coochin China to Singapore, the total length of the round flight being about 7,000 miles.

Owing to the mourning for the late King George no social events have been planned in Manila, but the usual courtesies will be extended.—Reuter.

MACHINES LEAVE KUCHING
Shanghai: The British Air Attache at Shanghai announces that the machines left for Kudat from Kuching this morning.—Reuter.

ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED

Berlin, To-day.—The economic negotiations between Switzerland and Germany were concluded on Monday.—Trans-Ocean Service.



Dr. Francis Townsend, left, social security leader; William Green, centre, president of the American Federation of Labour; and Chester Gray, Farm Bureau Federation head, see a threat to their groups in the A.A.A. decision of the Supreme Court and declare themselves ready to support a Constitutional amendment to protect Congress' right to legislate in their behalf.

PROSPECTUS TRIAL AT OLD BAILEY

£1,000,000 COMMITMENT NOT MENTIONED

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

London, To-day.
In connection with the trial at the Old Bailey of Garabed Bishirian, John Howson and Louis Hardy respecting the alleged issue of a false prospectus with reference to the bankrupt firm of James and Shakespeare, the Attorney-General submitted that it was plain to anybody acquainted with the composition of the firm of Williams Henry that something was afoot much outside the ordinary business of a metal and produce dealer.

OIL EMBARGO PROSPECTS

Cannot Be Applied If U. S. Refuses To Participate

Geneva, To-day.
The committee of experts on the oil embargo, according to reliable information, has decided that effective sanctions cannot be applied if America refuses to participate, but the embargo will be successful if America limits her exports to Italy to normal.—Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR OF BURMAH

Commander Hon. A. D. Cochrane

London, To-day.
Commander the Hon. Archibald Douglas Cochrane has been appointed Governor of Burma. He was appointed owing to the Government's desire to have a man with Parliamentary experience as Governor, in view of the forthcoming constitutional Government of Burma.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Commander Cochrane is the second son of the 1st Baron Cochrane of Cults. He was Unionist Member of Parliament for East Fife from 1924 to 1929. He entered the Navy in 1901 and served all through the European War, being mentioned in despatches three times and securing the D.S.O. and bar. Placed on the retired list in 1922, he is in his 50th year.

GOVERNOR VISITS KARLSRUHE

15-Gun Salute Fired

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E., attended by Captain W. J. R. Cragg (1/Lincoln Regt.), his Aide-de-Camp, paid a visit to the German cruiser Karlsruhe this morning and was greeted with a salute of 15 guns.

After inspecting the ship, His Excellency left to the accompaniment of a farewell salute.

Taking 12,000 tons as the yearly production of pepper, when Williams Henry, through Bishirian and Co., bought 11,245 tons they were in a position nearly to corner the market. The Chinese, however, "thrifty, keen business men," held large stocks which they released.

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STRIKERS RIOT IN NICARAGUA

Trouble Amongst Taxi-Drivers

Managua, Nicaragua, To-day.
A 24-hour strike of taxi-drivers, as a protest against a shortage of petrol, degenerated into a riot when one of the strikers was shot dead by a passenger. The mob marched to the stores owned by the District Prefect, whom they blamed for the unfair distribution of petrol, and destroyed a quantity of merchandise. Other stores as a precaution put up their shutters.

The strikers paraded the streets with the body of the dead man, but the Nicaraguan National Guard eventually restored order.—Reuter.

SIR F. LEITH-ROSS BOUND FOR H. K.

Leaves Shanghai On Board Taiyuan

Shanghai, To-day.—Sir Frederick Leith-Ross left for Hong Kong this morning.

Later: Sir Frederick and Lady Leith-Ross sailed by the Taiyuan. They are expected to return to Shanghai about the end of the month after visiting Canton as well as Hong Kong.—Reuter.

Sir Frederick is the British economic expert who has been some months in China studying the financial situation, particularly the currency problems of the country. This will be Sir Frederick's first visit to the Colony since his arrival in the Far East.

CHIEFTAINS SHOW LOYALTY

IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT DESSIE

ITALIAN JOURNAL MAKES VIOLENT ATTACK ON ENGLAND

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Addis Ababa, To-day.

Every rainless interval is being utilised by the Italians to bomb cities and villages. In view of the fact, however, that the Emperor had ordered trenches and dugouts to be built in all villages, the casualties in these last cases were not great.

The two Missionaries, Messrs. Trevin and Street, who were on Monday reported to have been arrested and brought from a dark cell, in chains, to Addis Ababa, were released yesterday by order of the Government. The missionaries were never brought near Addis Ababa. The British and United States Ministers were assured that the matter would be fully cleared up.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Dessie, To-day.

An impressive scene was witnessed yesterday at the Abyssinian northern headquarters when hundreds of chieftains with their retainers from the surrounding districts laid their whole wealth in gold and silver ornaments at the feet of the Emperor. The gifts included beautiful hand-wrought metal ware and costly trappings for horses and mules.

Many of the donors delivered a striking testimony of loyalty to the Emperor.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

HALF-FARES ON VEHICLES

Service Ramp in Canton

MILITARY AUTHORITIES TAKE ACTION

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.
To prevent disruption of the transportation service in Canton, the military authorities here have declared that after February 29 all servicemen will have to pay full fare while travelling on city buses, high-way buses, trains, and tow-boats.

Public vehicles, trains and tow-boats are losing money because they carry too many servicemen. Many passengers insist on paying half the fare, even though they do not belong to the fighting or police forces. Others simply refuse to pay any fare at all.

Bus and steamship companies declare that half-fare passengers bring serious loss. As many of the buses and tow-boats are losing money, the military has abolished the half-fare privileges. Whether the new ruling can be enforced remains to be seen.

Half-fare was abolished once, but the result was that servicemen declined to pay any fare at all. Transit companies will be able to make money only when half fares and joy rides are prohibited.

CANADA'S BUDGET

Drastic Reductions In Estimates

Ottawa, To-day.

The estimates of expenditure tabled by the new Government show a net reduction of over \$12,000,000 in consequence of drastic cutting down. Public works are reduced by nearly \$6,000,000, employment and social insurance by nearly \$2,000,000.

The Royal Canadian Air Force and civil aviation estimates are \$1,494,000 higher and the mail subsidy of the Canadian-Australian Line is increased by \$100,000.—Reuter.

Scathing Attack On England

CO-OPERATION WITH SAVAGES DENOUNCED

Rome: The newspaper "Tevere" seizes the opportunity of the publication of the latest Italian list of casualties to break out into specially violent attacks on England.

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JAPAN'S POLICY IN CHINA

Further Domination Desired?

PITTMAN'S SPEECH CAUSES INTEREST IN CANTON

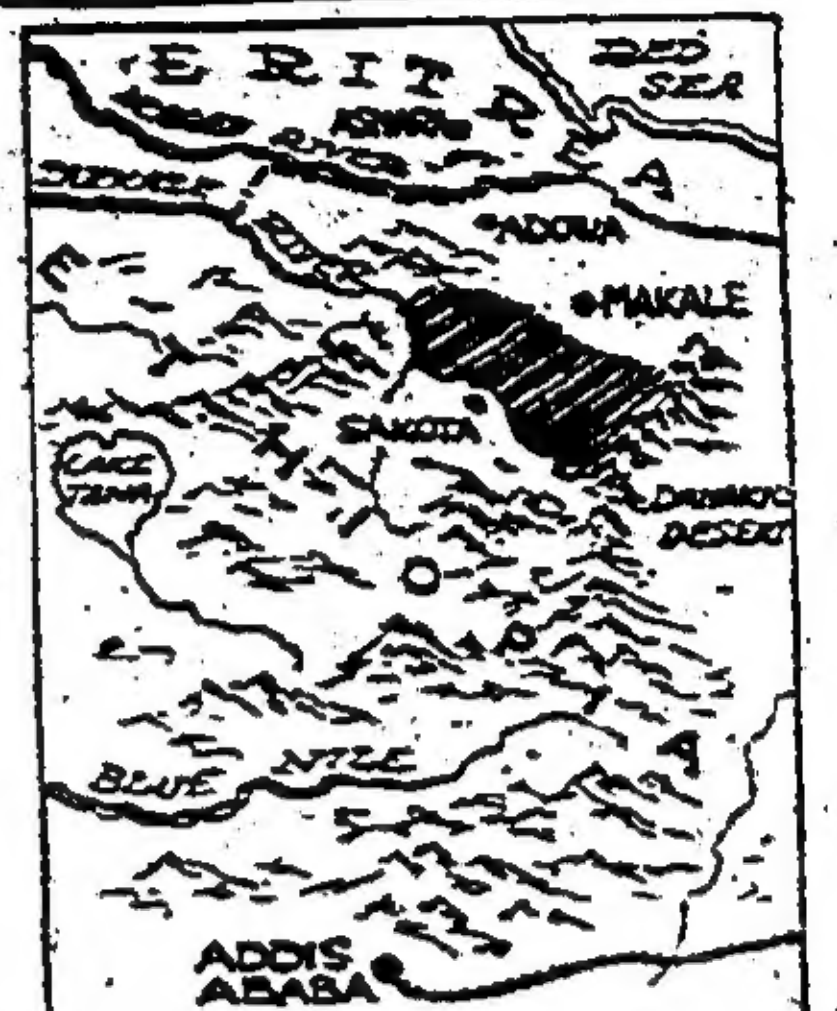
[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.
Senator Key Pittman's speech in the U.S. Senate attacking Japanese aggression in China has made a profound impression on the South-west leaders here, who once urged the Central Authorities to take up a strong stand against Japanese inroads in this country.

Official comment is withheld for political reasons, but the speech is recorded for future purposes. It is not expedient for high officials here to criticise Nanking's foreign policy vis-a-vis Japan at the moment.

Tokyo reports indicate that Japan will soon embark on a new policy to strengthen her grip on China through the medium of the new Japanese Ambassador in the person of Mr. Hachiro Arita, who is due in Nanking in the latter part of the month. Military, naval and Gaimusho officials in Tokyo are mapping out a new policy of dominating China.

Major-General Rensuke Isogai, Military Attache of the Japanese Embassy in Shanghai, is the central figure of the discussions in Tokyo. It is reported that the Japanese leaders want the complete independence of the North China provinces. A strong policy vis-a-vis China will enable the present Japanese Government to come out victorious in the impending general elections.



The shaded section of the map shows the area of Tembien Province, from the Takaze River to Aboro Pass on the Adowa Road and northward to Makale, that has been reconquered by Ethiopian troops following the Italian retreat and strengthening of their lines which were endangered by guerrilla warfare and early rains.

FRANCO-SOVIET PACT

CHAMBER DEBATE ADJOURNED

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

Paris, To-day.

The Chamber debate on the Franco-Soviet pact has been adjourned until to-morrow. The chief incident in yesterday's discussion was provided by a member who suggested the postponement of the discussion pending the settlement of the "Tartar" debts to France, amounting to 25,000,000,000 gold francs, but the motion was withdrawn after M. Flandin had pointed out that the claims of the bondholders were expressly reserved when the pact was negotiated.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

OPINION IN ENGLAND
London: The possible effect of the ratification of the Franco-Soviet pact on Franco-German relations is viewed calmly in London, where official circles attach considerable importance to Baron von Neurath's assurances to Mr. Anthony Eden, that Germany values the Locarno Treaty and that no German occupation of the demilitarised zone by German troops is feared, at any rate during the next few months.

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SUEZ CANAL COMPANY

Egypt Wants Increased Representation

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.
Despatches from Cairo assert that the Egyptian Government is negotiating with the Suez Canal Company concerning Egypt's representation on the board of directors, which is at present composed of 20 Frenchmen, 10 Englishmen and one Dutchman.

Egypt is said to have demanded some further concessions, such as a preferential rate for Egyptian vessels passing through the Suez Canal, as well as the appointment of Egyptians to several of the company's administrative posts.—Trans-Ocean Service.

OBITUARY

Head-Of Eastern Shipping Firm

Shanghai, To-day.

The death has occurred of Mr. Leonard Everett, head of the newly-organised Everett Steamship Corporation, at the age of 61. A familiar figure in shipping circles throughout the Far East, Mr. Everett was especially well known in the Philippines.—Reuter.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Somali Feb. 18
FROM SHANGHAI Feb.

Pres. Hoover 13
Yasukuni Maru 13
General Lee 14
Pres. Garfield 14
Gneisenau 21
Kitsano Maru 21
Pres. Grant 22
Cathay 22
Rio de Janeiro Maru 22

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Conte Verde Feb. 13
Fushimi Maru 13
Kutsang 15
Ajax 16
Somali 18
Santia 18
Nagato Maru 21
Pres. Grant 21
Toba Maru 22

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Hoover Feb. 13
General Lee 14
Pres. Garfield 14
Pres. Grant 21

FROM MANILA

Pres. McKinley Feb. 14
Tikembang 15
Ajax 16
Akutsu Maru 20

FROM JAPAN

Jeypore Feb. 12
Yasukuni Maru 13
General Lee 14
Pres. Garfield 14
Fushimi Maru 15
Dolgo Maru 15
Kitsano Maru 21
Pres. Grant 21
Cathay 22

FROM AUSTRALIA

Atsuta Maru Feb. 20

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Conte Verde (via Siberia) Feb. 13
Yasukuni Maru (Imperial
Service) 14
Closes: Reg. Noon Ord. 12.30 p.m.
Pres. McKinley (via Victoria) 14
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Fushimi Maru (via Siberia) 15

FOR SHANGHAI

Conte Verde Feb. 13
Pres. McKinley 14
Fushimi Maru 15

FOR JAPAN

Conte Verde Feb. 13
Pres. McKinley 14
Fushimi Maru 15

FOR U.S.A.

Pres. McKinley Feb. 14
Fushimi Maru 15

Women's Page

LOOKING INTO
THE FUTUREAdvance Fashions
From Paris
SIMPLE SILHOUETTES

The main item in the average London woman's wardrobe at the moment is a good stout machine-made, writes a London correspondent. It is depressing weather, and until it brightens up considerably feminine interest in future fashion trends will be but slight.

However, news reaching me from Paris, mecca of all that is beautiful in dress, has taken me away from the present and whirled me into contemplation of the future. The rain has been forgotten while I have been meditating on the delightful styles which will be fashionable next season.

There are several significant notes in the recent Paris collections, two or three of which are certainly going to have a very strong influence on the spring models.

Straight And Simple
It is obvious from these displays that the silhouette, for both day and evening, has returned to more simple, straight lines. In contrast to the August showings, the feeling generally is for "youthful" wear. Draping, especially in swathing and looping, has quite an ageing effect on the wearer unless she is very young. That is why, perhaps, designers when they have wanted draping have reduced it to the simplest possible form.

Tailored Effect
Quite a large proportion of the evening dresses at this time have a scarf or a flowing end which can be used as a scarf, and all these are more or less incorporated into the dress.

This draped effect is very flattering to those it suits, but there is a certain type of woman who could not possibly carry it off well. She will probably be attracted by the tailored effect which is rapidly gaining ground.

FOR MANILA

Pres. Hoover Feb. 13
Pres. Garfield 14
General Lee 14
Tibbadak 18
Changte 18

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Yasukuni Maru Feb. 14
Shirats 14
Yumang 15

FOR AUSTRALIA

Changte Feb. 18

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THE BEST TIME
TO SHOPAdvise To The
Women

One of the great London stores is impressing upon its patrons the importance of shopping early in the day. "An hour in the morning is worth two in the afternoon" is the slogan by which the firm hopes to spread the day's business more evenly over the opening hours.

Some women find it impossible to do their shopping except in the afternoon: home duties really do pin them down for the entire morning. But there are a very large number of women who always have shopped in the afternoon and go on doing so simply from habit.

Such customers, especially if they are getting on in life, should try the morning session. They will find shopping far less of an ordeal. They will get swift service from assistants who are fresh and unharassed.

Hostesses In Metal

Several of London's most modern hostesses have set a new fashion by appearing at receptions in gowns of metal-decorated materials, writes a London correspondent.

At one gathering I saw bright chromium spots ornamenting a

THE CHARMING
CHINTZReturns To Modern
Homes

London.

The colourful chintz which delighted Englishmen as long ago as 1662, when diarist Pepys reports that he has just bought his wife a new "chint" for the study, and which at a later date was immortalised in an ode by Pope, who speaks of "charming chintzes," has returned to favour. The Duchess of York has had much chintz utilised both in her London and Windsor homes, especially in the nurseries, where it is quilted blue in the one case, and quilted pink in the other.

Old-fashioned, harmonious chintzes, such as the celebrated Queen Anne chintz at Knole, which has about sixteen bright colours in it, have been reproduced for modern furniture coverings, and recently the chintz from a famous Wiltshire home was copied specially for a bride's new house.

One reason for the return of the chintz to fashion is that during the last few years, amazing improvements have been wrought with English chintzes by North of England manufacturers. Instead of making it from hand-blocks they have subjected it successfully to superior methods of roller printing. It has become possible also to copy in soft, restful tones of green, blue, or pink the patterns used in Georgian houses which favoured chintzes so much that it was said that an eighteenth-century English house without chintz was like "Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark." In bygone times backgrounds had to be plain white instead of the gentle shades in which modern colourists rejoice.

PARIS SNAPSOTS

Crowns on hats for Palm Beach are going up. Rose Descat is showing pastel panama hats with high crowns and wide brims for southern resort wear in January.

Marital red has invaded fashionable weddings. When Lady Mary Crewe-Milnes married the Duke of Roxburghe at Westminster Abbey her 14 bridesmaids wore cherry red velvet frocks. Molyneux made the clothes.

The newest Paris style is to wear a tailored satin blouse with your tweed sports suit. The Hon. Mrs. Fellowes and other famous Fortyites are doing this.

Bright red, knee length swagger coats are worn here in Paris over sports and tailored dresses.



A RIBBON SNOOD

A plain, though becoming style for the youthful or piquant face, is that of a ribbon snood, made to match your dress, or of the colour of your jewels, or other accessories, with a flat bow, about four inches in length worn upon the top of it.

This head-band, also, is quite easy to make, but be sure to make the snood separately, attaching the two ends to a piece of elastic worn under the hair at the back, to ensure a perfect fit. Then, make up the bow and sew it securely to the centre of the head band.

Children's Colds
A Wise Precaution.

When a child shows signs of a cold, starts sneezing, has red eyes, and a running nose, prompt attention should be given, for neglect of a cold may lead to serious consequences. The first step in curing a cold is to remove all congestion of the system, and for infants and young children there is no better way of doing this than by giving a dose of Baby's Own Tablets.

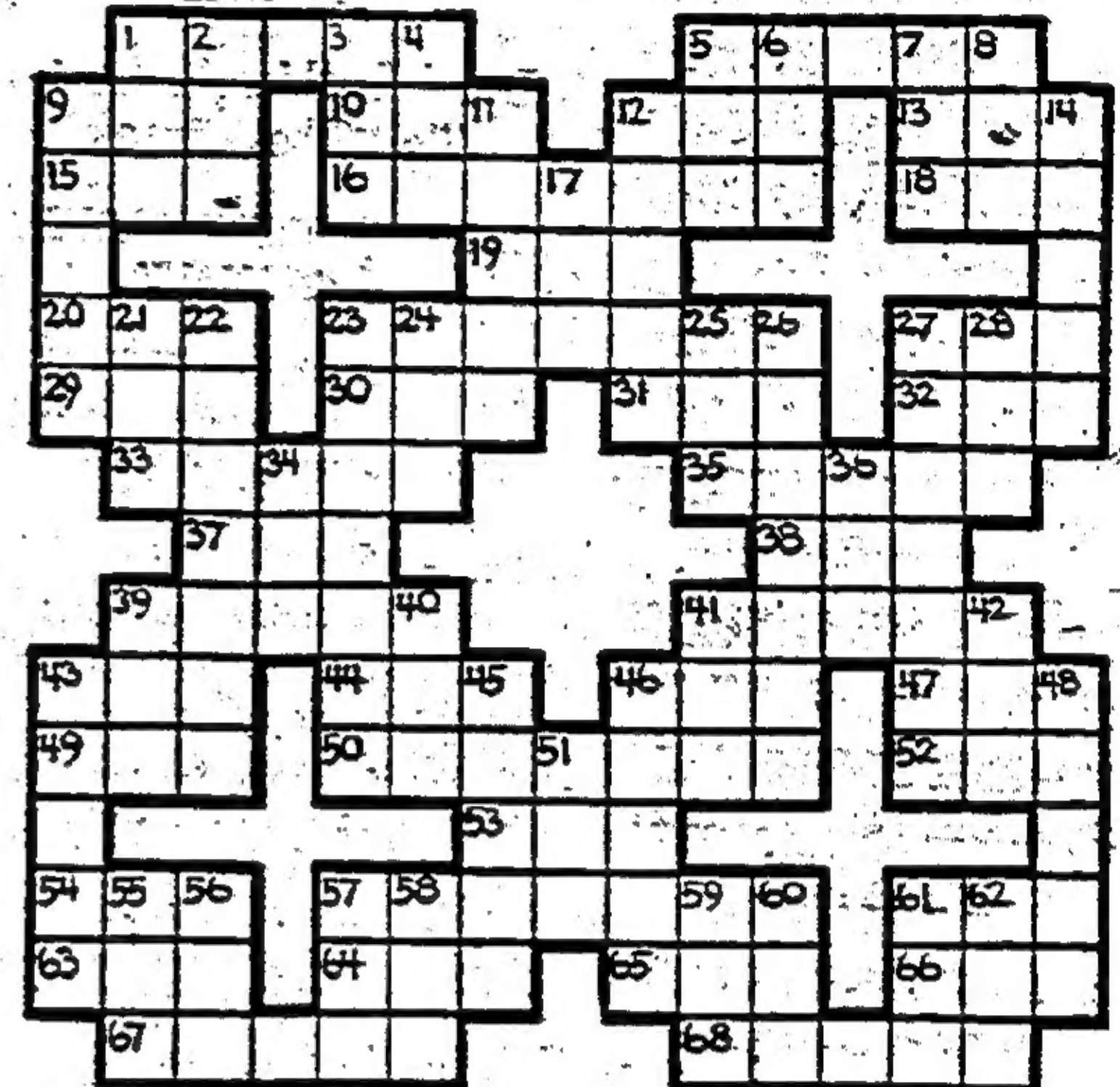
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Grasp | 46-Conjunction | 14-Pondered |
| 2-Turnout | 50-Tempera | 17-Bone of the body |
| 3-Female deer | 52-Cunning | 21-The (Fr.) |
| 10-Help | 53-Enemy | 22-Made more fluid |
| 12-Ocean | 54-Auto fuel | 23-Reiterates |
| 13-Goal | 57-Guided | 24-Employ |
| 15-Province of Canada (abbr.) | 61-Buslike | 25-A point of compass |
| 16-A kind of dog | 62-Nets in Guido's scale | 26-Signifies (abbr.) |
| 18-South African antelope | 64-Atmosphere | 27-Rises |
| 19-Sick | 65-Speak | 28-Kitchen utensil |
| 20-Aged | 66-Measure of weight | 29-Raw metal |
| 22-Crumbled | 67-Last part of an ancient lyric ode | 30-Large monkey |
| 27-Imitate | 68-Cogna | 31-Japanese coin |
| 29-Portuguese coin | | 32-Call of a cow |
| 30-A letter | | 33-Male descendant |
| 31-A point of compass (abbr.) | | 34-Crosses |
| 32-Turf | | 35-Flat-bottomed boat |
| 33-Stunt | | 36-Proffer |
| 34-Perform | | 37-Peska |
| 37-A substantive ending | | 38-Mark used in aerial racing |
| 38-Open (Post) | | 39-Part of the foot |
| 39-Hot vapor | | 40-A beverage |
| 41-Combining form. Narrow | | 41-Plant juice |
| 42-In a greater degree | | 42-Sorrowful |
| 43-American poet | | 43-Bind |
| 47-Sag | | 44-Tinge |
| | | 45-Consumed |
| | | 46-Speak |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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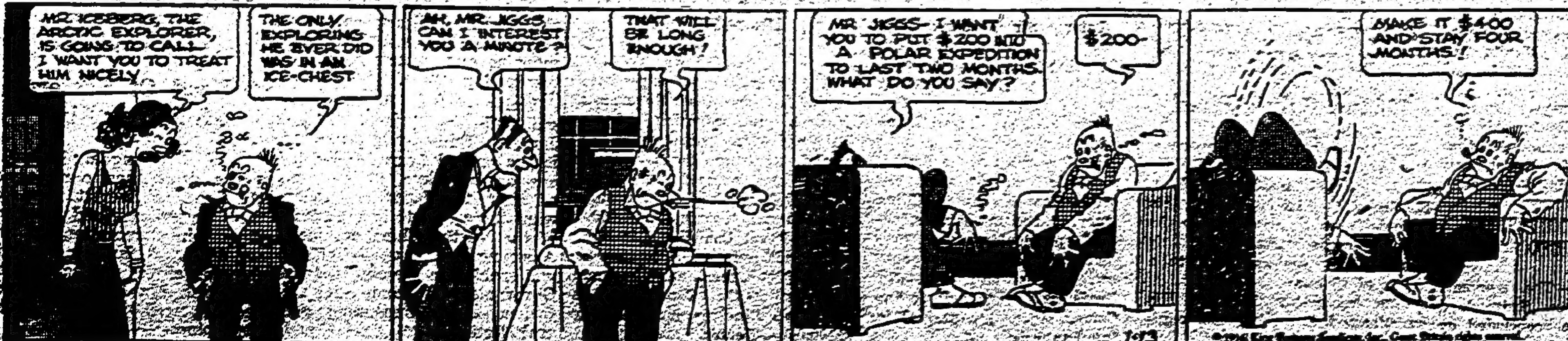
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

NUMBERS ACROSS
1-GRASP
2-TURNOUT
3-FEMALE DEER
10-HELP
12-OCEAN
13-GOAL
15-PROVINCE OF CANADA (ABBR.)
16-A KIND OF DOG
18-SOUTH AFRICAN ANTELOPE
19-SICK
20-AGED
22-CRUMBLD
27-IMITATE
29-PORTUGUESE COIN
30-A LETTER
31-A POINT OF COMPASS (ABBR.)
32-TURF
33-STUNT
34-PERFORM
37-A SUBSTANTIVE ENDING
38-OPEN (POST)
39-HOT VAPOR
41-COMBINING FORM. NARROW
42-IN A GREATER DEGREE
43-AMERICAN POET
47-SAG

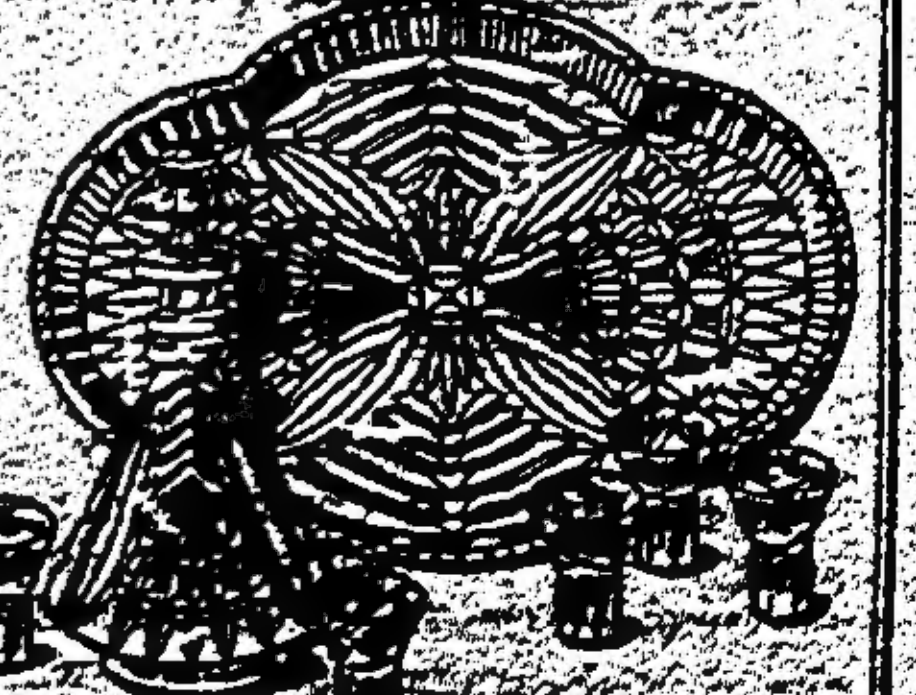
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 8th February to TUESDAY, 18th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 31st Jan., 1936.

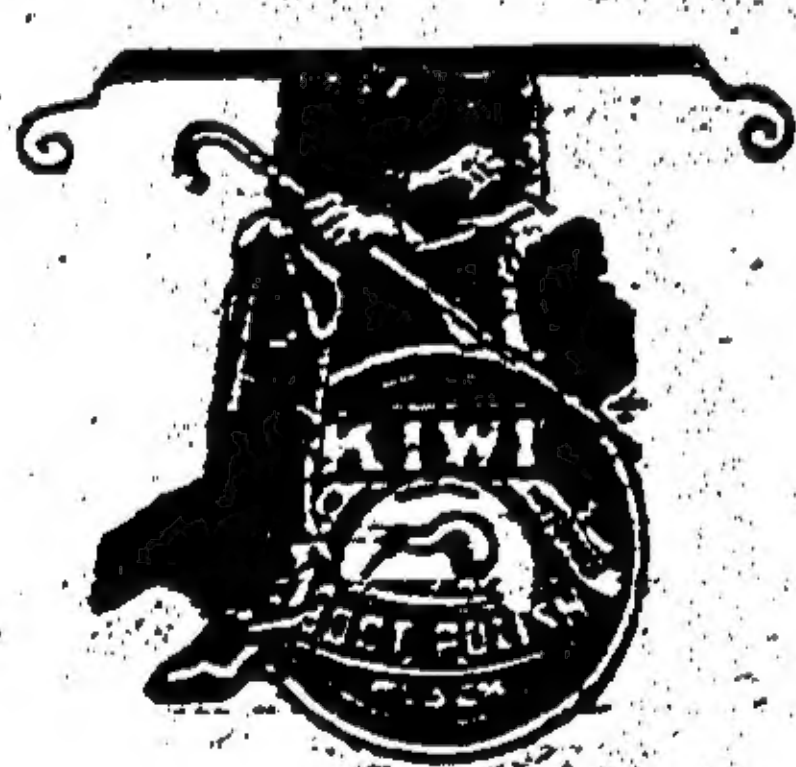
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th February to SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1936.



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Dated 7th February, 1936.

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(Vocal & Instrumental)
From 16th to 28th May 1936
Last Day of Entry—28th February 1936

THEORETICAL (Paper Work)
On Saturday 13th June 1936
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Hong Kong, 8th Feb., 1936.

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Amusements

Cinema Notes

"THE GAY DECEPTION"
KING'S THEATRE

Lavishly produced, with a setting in a luxurious hotel, the picture tells of two pretenders, Francis Lederer and Francis Dux who manage to penetrate each other's bluff.

The story starts when Miss Dee, a sweet young secretary, who has longed all her life to be in the whirl of gay city life, wins a sweepstake prize and decides to spend it on one delicious spree of pleasure.

She goes to New York and to its best hotel. And even though she is mistaken for an heiress, she fails to find the colourful life she had anticipated.

There are even annoyances, one annoyance in particular. He is a bellboy who criticises her hats and clothes and tells her how lovely she is. And just as often as she has him fired she finds him back again, until she finally begins to take an interest in the handsome young scapegrace.

PETER IBBETSON—QUEEN'S THEATRE

This picture tells of the love of a boy and girl separated in early childhood and reunited years later just long enough to discover that their devotion to each other is that all that each one lived for. After their meeting they never see each other again, but their love brings them together in their dreams until death carries them away united.

This idyllic romance is perfectly portrayed by Ann Harding and Gary Cooper, while Ida Lupino, John Halliday, Douglas Dumbrille and Virginia Weidler give excellent support.

Henry Hathaway, who also directed "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer," directed the picture and tells the story charmingly and effectively.

"DRESSED TO THRILL"
MAJESTIC THEATRE

In motion pictures, just as in life, first impressions are what count.

The realisation of this important fact is just what made Producer Robert T. Kane and Director Harry Lachman so anxious to secure just the right story, the right co-star and the most beautiful gowns to launch Tutta Rolf, Fox Film's glamorous new star, on her American film career.

The selection of suave Clive Brook as co-star settled the second problem, and the skill and infallible good taste of Howard Greer, Hollywood stylist, furnished a solution to the problem of gowns.

Because Miss Rolf, in her dual role in "Dressed to Thrill," is seen as a Russian singer and as a French girl, Greer has attempted to blend the Russian influence with the chic Parisian mode.

"STRAIGHT FROM HEART"
STAR THEATRE

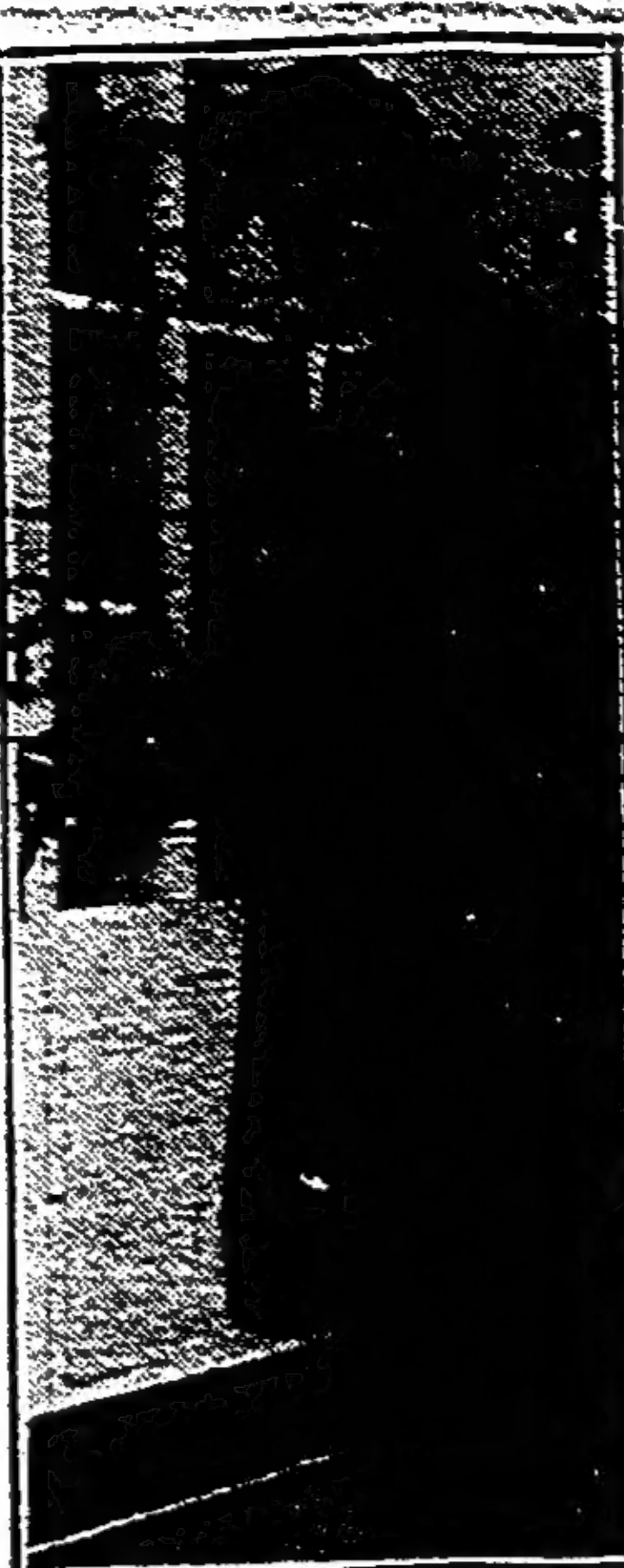
With Roger Pryor featured in the picture, as the man whom she will win if she thinks only of herself, Miss Astor is confronted with one of the most perplexing problems ever devised for the screen or experienced in real life, and her solution of it supplies one of the highlights of the film. Universal produced the photoplay in response to the demands of thousands of fans who requested that Baby Jane be given a bigger role following her exceptional work in "Imitation of Life." "The Man Who Reclaimed His Head" and other pictures.

A city day nursery is the central scene of action in the film which tells a story of modern-day politics and their relation to problems of the times. Baby Jane is the pivotal character of the story and in this role proves herself one of the most brilliant and outstanding child players in pictures. She is the youngest player speaking lines on the screen to-day.

Other members of the cast include: Carol Combe, Robert McWade, Henry Armetta, Doris Lloyd, Andy Devine, Grant Mitchell, Louis Carter and other popular players.

"I AM A THIEF"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

The picture recounts the breath-taking adventures of a band of international jewel robbers.



Following his "social visit" with President Roosevelt, Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, radio priest, shown above at the White House, announced his intention of bringing a suit to contest the constitutionality of the Federal Reserve banking system.

NEW BABIES
ON SHOW

Monkey Nursery At The Zoo

The Monkey House at the Zoo now has a nursery section. Five inmates—two Guinea baboons, two pig-tailed monkeys and a mangabey monkey—can be seen with their babies by visitors.

One of the baboons, Sunshine, is so tame that she allows her baby to leave her for a few minutes. The other baboon guards her infant continually and regards everyone with suspicion.

Private Feud

The pig-tailed monkeys will not allow anyone near their offspring. They have a private feud, and when they are not cursing on-lookers they are swearing at each other. Their babies would like to make friends, but the outraged disgust of the parents, when they see the youngsters "talking" through the wires, raises a laugh which makes them still more indignant.

The mangabey is a peaceful mother. She takes her baby with her when she goes to the bars to collect food and, as long as no one touches it, she has no objection to letting it be seen.

NOBODY HAD A SPANNER

Train Loses Three Coaches

A coupling broke recently on a Fenchurch-street to Shoreditch train as it was entering Westfenchurch-on-Sea Station. The last three coaches parted from the rest of the train.

The guard was ready with the coupling kept for such an emergency, but there was no spanner to fix it. Neither the guard nor the engine-driver had one. The station-master and porters produced spanners, but none would fit, and the coupling could not be repaired.

After a delay of half an hour the train went on without the three coaches.

the prize loot of the Continent, attract the attention of rival gangs, whose battles with each other and with officers of the French Surete result in cold-blooded murders.

Mary Astor has the role of a beautiful and cultured woman who is trying to get hold of the famous diamonds.

Others who are vitally interested in the jewels, who follow the purchaser to Istanbul, either for the purpose of "stealing the gems" or protecting them, include Dudley Digges, who has the role of an American colonel, afterwards slain on the train; Robert Barrat, in the guise of a German; Dixon, Irving Pichel, an Italian Count; Robert Cavaynagh, an American broker; Ferdinand Gottschalk and Florence Fair, who have the roles of a lawyer and his wife.

HER FIRST VIEW
OF ANIMALS

Zoo Surprises For Once-Blind Girl

THOUGHT SNAKES HAD LEGS

That snakes have no legs and that turtles exist at all were two of a hundred surprises recently shown to Miss Madge Brewer, the 26-year-old girl who has been blind since she was 26 years of total blindness. She ended her London visit with a tour of the Zoo and of Madame Tussaud's.

The one showed her birds and beasts she had never imagined to exist. The other told her what the King and Queen look like, and other police figures whose aspect is as familiar to millions as that of their own parents.

Miss Brewer did not want to leave London. The bustle and crowding that make many strangers nervous left her perfectly cool.

Gasped At Zoo

"I have found it far easier to get about that I had expected," she told me. "This visit has given me much more confidence. I wish it was not over. Every body seems so happy and active, and the place is so bright."

The Zoo made her gasp. The monkeys did not surprise her much, because people had described them to her in advance, and she had an astonishingly accurate idea of the look of a penguin. She thought the zebras were tigers, on account of the stripes. The giraffe left her speechless.

Not Big Enough

One of the whole, however, she found disappointing. She had expected them to be built on a much larger scale. Only the elephants and the polar bears suited her preconceived specification, and she recognised them at once.

She found the aviaries fascinating because they appealed to her passion for colour. "I never thought such beautiful things lived anywhere," she said, after a long inspection of the tangers, the toucans, and the birds of paradise.

At Madame Tussaud's she found the King kind, but Mussolini rather grim, and the Cabinet not overwhelmingly impressive. "It occurred to her, also, that between the looks of the great, both dead and alive, and of those consigned to the Chamber of Horrors there was no wide difference."

\$25,000 WORTH
OF BUSINESS

Whisky Sold To U.S. Bootleggers

Sales of whisky on a large scale to American bootleggers were mentioned in Glasgow Sheriff Court recently during a case in which Mr. C. S. McMillan, of Rowalland, Glasgow, claimed £2,348 against Hepburn and Ross, a Glasgow firm of whisky distillers and blenders.

The claim was made in respect of commissions on the sale of whisky, travelling expenses and damages for alleged breach of contract.

Several Traps
Mr. McMillan said that he had made several journeys to the United States and Canada on behalf of the defendants. When the repeal of Prohibition in America was anticipated, it was thought that a record market for whisky was probable.

"I was engaged with bootleggers," said Mr. McMillan, "and I should say I transacted with them from £20,000 to £25,000 worth of business."

The hearing was adjourned.

WEST-END FLAT
SCENE

Violent Behaviour Of Salesman

John James Maclellan, aged 22, described as a 5-ft-10-in. salesman, of Braxwell-road, North-Remington, was at Bow-street recently committed for trial at the Old Bailey.

He was accused of having robbed Miss Doris Lamb, of West End Flat, and of using violent language, and of assaulting with intent to rob another young woman, whose name was suppressed in the case.

BRIDGE NOTES

Bidding Four-Card Suits

By Ely Culbertson

It is seldom proper to bid a four-card suit except at the range of one. Sometimes a four-card suit is shown at two or three because the bidder has previously shown a stronger suit to which he can return if doubled.

In to-day's hand the situation is shown in which a player properly bids four in a four-card suit though it is the first time the suit has been shown.

South, Dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

S	A 8 5 4	N	S 10 7
H	9 6	H	K Q J 10 8 7 2
D	8 2	D	8
C	A J 7 4 2	C	Q 10 9 5 3 2
S	Q 9 2	N	S 10 7
H	A J 7 4 3	H	K Q J 10 8 7 2
D	K 9 7 4	D	8
C	8	C	Q 10 9 5 3 2
S	K J 6 3	N	S 10 7
H	5	H	K Q J 10 8 7 2
D	A Q J 10 6 3	D	8
C	K 6	C	Q 10 9 5 3 2

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)
South West North East
1D. 1H. 2C. 4H(1)
4S(2) Pass Pass Pass(3)

1—The immediate raise from one to four is a shut-out bid made on hands which are strong distributionally, but weak in honour-tricks. West's vulnerable overall has shown strength and East knows that a four-heart contract is safe even though it perhaps cannot be made.

2—Having bid diamonds at his first opportunity, South feels sure that when he now shows the spade suit North will realise that it may be only four cards in length. Without at least four trumps North, on such bidding as this, much show a preference for the first bid suit, even though he may have a very strong three-card holding such as A Q x in the suit. In the Culbertson System, it is proper on bidding such as this to show a preference for the first bid suit, even if holding only two small trumps, if the responding hand does not have four or more cards in support of the second bid suit. This applies of course only in cases in which the suit which is bid second is of higher rank than the first bid suit.

3—East wisely refrains from bidding, knowing that a contract of five hearts may be set more than the value of a game for North and South. As it happens, five hearts should be set only two tricks so that no great loss would have been incurred, but East was correct in choosing the safer course.

West opened the club eight and South won the first trick with the King. Now it was proper for South immediately to attack the spade suit. Here there was a possibility for South to make an error which might have cost him the hand, but by thinking the situation over he was able to avoid this error. He led a spade to the Ace and then a small spade back toward the King-Jack combination in his hand. Usually, with eight trumps in two hands, lacking the Queen, it is proper to finesse but in this case South could not afford to risk a finesse. Had he finessed West would have taken the Queen, led a low heart from his Ace to put East in the lead, and ruffed a club return. The King of diamonds would later have won the setting trick. South avoided this by going up with the King of spades. He was then able to make the contract by conceding a trick to the high trump and losing in addition only one heart and one diamond.

ROBBED GRAVES TO BE

Mrs. Hannah Blackburn, 51, of South Moor, was sentenced to 28 days' imprisonment by the Lancaster (Durham) magistrates recently. She was charged with having stolen a diamond ring, valued at £100, from the grave of a woman who had died in 1910. The ring was found in a box of earth near the grave.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station, 227.7 m., on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.A.)

Variety Concert from the Studio

12.30 p.m.—Broadcast Programme

1 p.m.—Local News and Weather Report

1.15 p.m.—Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press Bulletin

1.45 p.m.—Rugby Press Bulletin

2.15 p.m.—Class Drama

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme

6.30 p.m.—Columbia Studio Concert

7.11 p.m.—European Programme

7.17 p.m.—"Rural" Ways, Suite (Eric Coates)

7.37-7.43 p.m.—A Cello Recital by Maurice Harrison

7.43-7.49 p.m.—"Old and New" (A. Popper)

7.49-7.55 p.m.—Popular Melodies (arr. Herman Frank)

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report

8.15-8.16 p.m.—A Recital by Jan Kiepura (Czech)

1. My Heart is always calling you (Stolz)

2. You, me and Love (Stolz)

3. Hallelujah (Stolz)

4. La Dama (Stolz)

8.16-8.18 p.m.—Instrumental Variety

Tropical Hula

South Sea Islanders

Xylophone Solo—The Squirrel Dance

Saxophone Solo—Body Stanzas

Sense of these days

Organ Solo—Oceanic Hawkins

Sweet Music—Selection

Barjo Solo—Reginald Dixon

La Vivandiere—Ernest Jones

Barjo and Guitar Duo—The Brothers Bertini

Wedding Chimes

Xylophone Solo—Dancing Butterfly

8.44-8.57 p.m.—Vocal Gems

A Country Girl (Mackintosh)

Light Opera Company

New Moon (Romberg)

8.57-9.15 p.m.—Concert Waltzes by Maxak Weber and his Orchestra

Drink, Drink, Brother Drink (Beard)

Life in the Vienna Prater (Translatron)

Golden Rain (Waldteufel)

Rain, Rain, Rain (Gossett)

Child, You can dance like my wife ("The Geschwende Ernt") (Fall)

Dollar Princess (Fall)

9.15-9.30 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuters)

9.30-10.30 p.m.—From the Studio

A Variety Concert

Colleen Parker—Fred Corpio

Doreen Ma—The Rhythm Boys

10.30-11 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music

Magyar Melodies (arr. Perry)

Wedding Dance Waltz (Finke)

The Walking Doll (Polinski)

At Dawning (Caden)

Melody in F, Op. 3, No. 1 (Rubinstein)

Romance in E Flat, Op. 44, No. 1 (Rubinstein)

La Violette (Padilla)

The Song of Songs (Moya)

Evening (Easthope Martin)

Desert Song—Waltz (Romberg)

11 p.m.—Close Down



Sporting Page



POPULAR FOOTBALL TOPIC DRAWS TEAM FROM NORTHERNER

EX-WAITER SPRINGS BOXING SURPRISE FARR BEATS LOUGHRAN AMID CHEERS AND BOOS BUT WELSHMAN DESERVED WIN

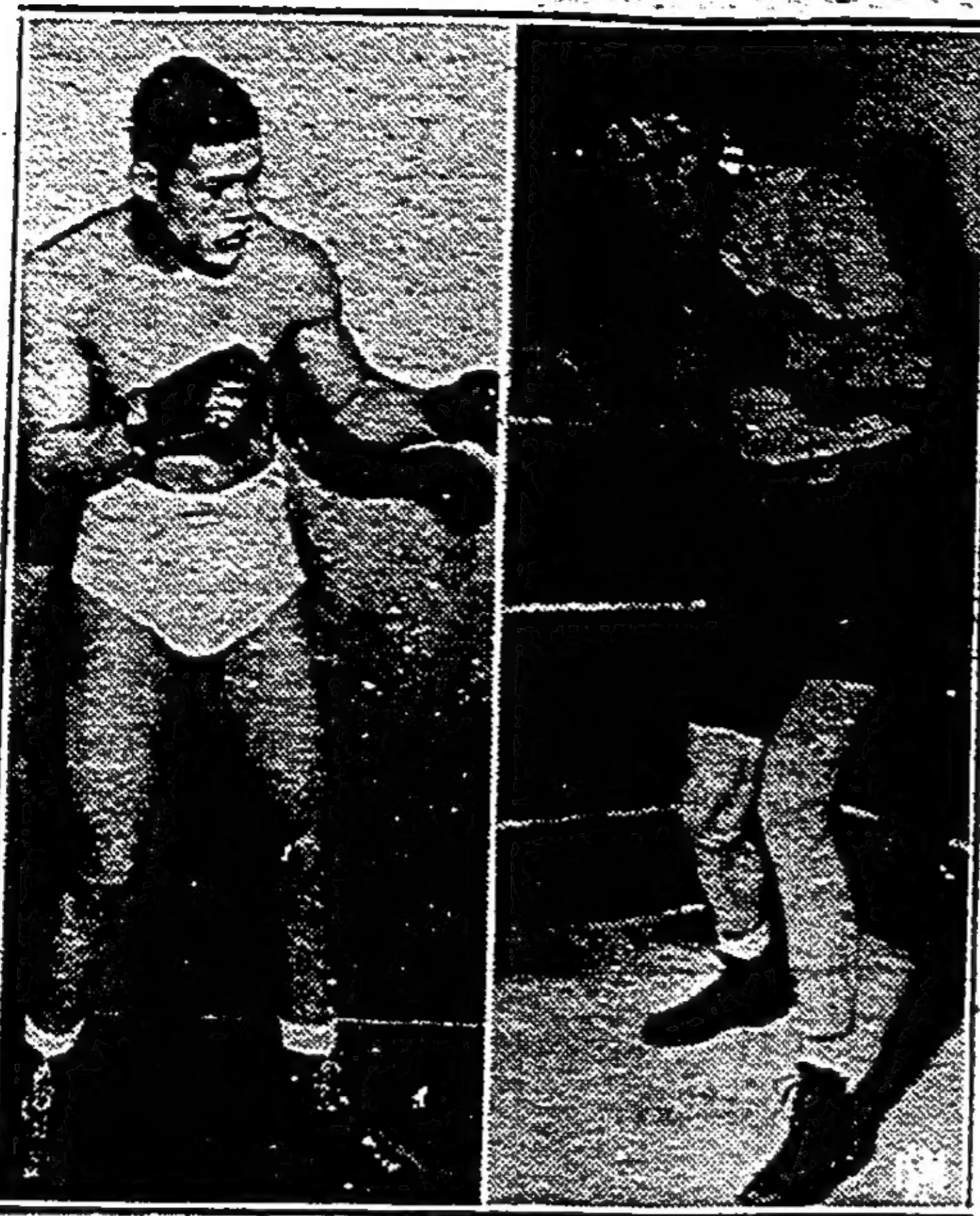
(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, January 17.

TOMMY FARR, a 21-year-old Welshman who was once a waiter and later a miner, brought off one of boxing's greatest surprises at the Albert Hall, Kensington, last night.

He outpointed the veteran Philadelphia Tommy Loughran, ex-world cruiser-weight champion, with the Jim Driscoll left, thereby upsetting all the betting odds and all the predictions, but at the same time leaping to heavy-weight fame at a single bound.

Unhappily, not everybody could agree that this was an astonishing triumph for British boxing at the expense of one of the world's greatest stylists. When Mr. Wilfred Smith, the referee, raised Farr's hand at the close of the tenth round there was a burst of cheering which was immediately followed by a chorus of booing.



Charley Retzlaff, right, photographed training hard for his unsuccessful bout at Chicago against Joe Louis, left.

A Reply To "Unomee" And Others

SELECTED ELEVEN FROM SHANGHAI POTE-HUNT AND GASH AS RESERVES!

WONDERFUL ATTACKING FORCE

(To The Editor, "China Mail")

SIR, The many letters which have appeared in the valuable columns of your newspaper suggesting very interesting teams from the Football Club and the Chinese over a period of 25 years, has led me to butt in, if I may so use the expression, and place on record what I think is the very best team that Shanghai could have fielded at any one time during that same period and one which could have seen both or all the teams so far suggested, off the field.

Many will wonder why I have interfered in what appears to be a purely local subject, but Shanghai and Hong Kong have always been very closely associated in soccer and there are many Shanghaianders in the Colony at present who would perhaps be interested.

There was only one goalkeeper that would have secured a place in any Second Division home-side, "Jock" McLean, of the Shanghai Football Club, although many Hong Kong Interporters will dispute this and probably suggest Remedios, of the "Rees."

CORRESPONDENCE

"ISLAMICS" AND "LAM LONGS"

"An Indian" Replies To Abdul

(To The Editor, "China Mail")

SIR—The letter (or classic as you so aptly styled it) over the name of "Abdul" which appeared in yesterday's issue of the *China Mail* appears to be rather a proud boast, though the team he named is definitely a very good one.

It will perhaps be remembered by some of the older residents here that in 1914 a match was played between the Islamics and the Lam Longs, the latter being a team picked from the Chinese community and the proceeds collected at the game were for a very worth cause—The Prince of Wales' Fund.

The Islamics won by 5 goals to 1 and, with one or two exceptions, it was the same as that named by "Abdul," who omitted A. Bandran, one of the cleverest inside-lefts the Indian community has ever produced. In my opinion he would get into the team long before the selectors would dream of choosing O. M. Omar, though I quite agree that the latter is a class player.

And what about Mohamed Bumah? Men's 50 Yards Free Style. Men's 100 Yards Breast Stroke. Men's 50 Yards Back Stroke. Ladies' 50 Yards Free Style. Crocodile Race. Men's 200 Yards Free Style. Men's 200 Yards Free Style Relay. Men's Diving (Header, Swallow, Jack Knife, Optional, Header, High Board). Water-Polo (If possible).

And while on the subject of the Club football team, what about M. D. Scott, who played such a good game for them in the forward line?

"AN INDIAN"

YORKSHIRE'S £763 SURPLUS

With the help of £1,465 from Test matches against South Africa, Yorkshire county club have a surplus of £763 on last season.

Liga Portuguesa For 2nd Division Next Soccer Season

Though the Liga Portuguesa

have been playing in the Third Division for their first season, they have done very well and are easily the best civilian soccer side, while their success in the Junior Shield competition—they are now in the semi-final round—proves that they would be able to hold their own in the Second Division.

It is understood that an application will be made for admission to the Second Division next season and if there are a few more youngsters joining the Club they may also enter a team in the

Third Division.

The Liga Portuguesa are greatly handicapped by the lack of a ground and have at present to depend on the generosity of other Clubs for training. Though the St. Joseph's ground has been placed at their disposal on Wednesdays, it has not been possible to make use of it to any great extent, owing to many of their players living in Kowloon.

There is a possibility that several players from Club de Recreio may join them next season, and, in fact, several players have already asked for a transfer.



When Arthur Hendrix (above), a law student of Lakeland, Florida, beat Wilmer Allison at New Orleans, the tennis world woke up to the fact that a new star may be rising on the sport firmament. He is competing in the tournament at Miami.

W. ALLISON DEFEATED BY COLLEGEIAN

Arthur Hendrix Also Beats "Betsy" Grant

SENSATIONAL NEW U.S. TENNIS "FIND"

New Orleans, January 17.—The defeat of Wilmer Allison, the American national champion, by an unknown youngster from Florida provided a sensational final to the Sugar Bowl tournament here.

Allison, who last year beat Fred Perry after the latter had fallen and injured himself, was beaten 6-4, 1-6, 9-7, 6-1 by Arthur Hendrix, of Lakeland, Florida, who had never before played in championship tennis outside his own State.

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"Old Timer's" Best Indian Team

SIR—I have read "Abdul's" letter with pleasure, and, being an old Indian resident, I could not help writing.

I have been at the Valley watching Indian footballers participating since the days of U. M. Omar to the present days of the youngest brother A. M. Omar, who is at present, I think, playing for Eastern Football Club.

The suggested team by "Abdul" is quite good, but not the best for past and present footballers.

That U. M. Omar (goal), M. H. Abbas (right-back), and A. Sabban (left-back) (alias A. Jackson) should have been selected, I quite agree.

As for the halves I think that S. A. M. Sepher, A. Hamid (alias A. Johnson) and O. M. Omar (Radio) would have been best.

"Abdul" has H. M. Omar at outside, but from inquiries made I found that it should have been E. M. Omar.

With all respect to E. A. Moosdeen, who has been selected at centre-forward, I would nominate A. M. Omar. I have watched the latter playing for the Young Indians and at present for Eastern, and from what I have seen of this player, he is the best leader among the Indian community. He is fast, lively and a deadly shot with both feet.

What about A. Rahim on the left-wing? He is the best Indian left-winger.

I nominate the following as the best Indian team and one which would have beaten South China "A": U. M. Omar; M. H. Abbas; and A. Sabban; S. A. M. Sepher; A. Hamid and O. M. Omar; E. M. Omar; E. A. Moosdeen; A. M. Omar; A. Hamid and A. Rahim.

Reserves:—B. A. Hyder, K. M. Omar; A. J. Hussain (St. Joseph's); E. M. Azim, and O. J. Arandi (Radio).

"Old Timer"

RAILWAY R.C. WITHDRAWING FROM LEAGUE?

Leave Is Present Obstacle

TO TRAIN TEAM FOR THE 1937-38 SEASON

The Railway Recreation Club, who have been participating in the Third Division for the past two seasons, are now finding it hard to field a team each week and will in all probability not be entering the Football League next season.

This year the players were drawn from the staff of the Railway, but owing to the great difficulty of obtaining leave, the Railway were not able to field their best team on several occasions and consequently went down heavily.

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SUNDAY CRICKET LEAGUE

Stoics Favoured To Win Shield

STRAGGLERS ALSO IN THE RUNNING

By virtue of their win over the Malays, the Stoics now stand the best chance of winning the Harry Wicking (Cat Stout) Shield in the Sunday Cricket League organised by the Indian Recreation Club for its members.

The Stoics have now played two matches and won both of them, while the Malays suffered their first reverse in many years when they went down to the Stoics by the narrow margin of 8 runs recently.

Regarding the other teams, the Stragglers are also in the running for the Shield, but it is doubtful whether they will be good enough to beat either the Malays or the Stoics.

Shocks And Ehoras

The "Shocks" comprised mainly of members of the staff of the Hong Kong Electric Company, are not very strong, while the Ehoras have already suffered two defeats in as many games.

These Sunday League games are very enjoyable affairs and are played on much the same lines as holiday games, the main feature being the good-natured "barracking" by the supporters of the different teams.

R. J. CRISP FOR ENGLAND

R. J. Crisp, South Africa's fast bowler, is leaving South Africa for England in April to take up a journalistic appointment. He will probably stay several years.

Loughran, when he heard the decision, bowed his head almost to the floor, as though flabbergasted. Farr was leaping with joy. He had won, and he went whooping out of the ring, leaving people to argue on the correctness of the verdict.

Two Schools Of Thought

That there were two schools of thought on this fight was obvious. Loughran, standing bolt upright, sending out his left and circling the ring artistically, won the favours of the majority. Farr, less spectacular but exceptionally workmanlike, more aggressive and a harder puncher, deserved, in my opinion, to win what I thought was a close fight.

Farr would not stand for such treatment as Loughran meted out to Maurice Crickland recently. He refused to be bluffed by feints and flicks, but moved boldly forward, ducking under the American's left and punishing him about the body.

At the long-distance work, too, Farr was surprisingly good, frequently giving punch for punch.

Loughran's Posing

Many were deceived by Loughran's posing and the fact that he kept his left arm almost constantly extended. But many of his leads did no more than brush Farr's forehead.

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STAFFORD LOSES AT BILLIARDS

Chan Kai-yin Wins By 66 Points

Cheng Kwai-leung entered the Third Round of the Junior Billiards Championship of the Colony by defeating A. A. Lewis by 300 points to 225 at Club de Recreio last night. At the Engineers' Institute, J. C. Remedios beat W. Sollis by 300 points to 260. The highest break in the two matches was recorded by A. A. Lewis, who chalked up a 39.

In the Senior Billiards Championship, Chan Kai-yin beat W. F. Stafford by 500 points to 434 at the Sports Club. Chan chalked up a break of 40 against Stafford's 34, and Wong King-sing, respectively.

St. Joseph's Third Div. Move Was Fully Justified

The experiment of playing a Second Division, but will be retained in the Third Division till they win the League.

In the meantime another team of youngsters may be formed and entered in the Third Division next year, composed for the most part of non-Chinese and non-Portuguese schoolboys from the La Salle and St. Joseph's Colleges with one or two of the older players in the team to guide them.

In this way, it is hoped that St. Joseph's will be able to raise a good First Division team in a few years' time.

KARLSRUHE SWIMMERS

TO MEET H. K. GERMANS AT "Y" NEXT SATURDAY

Dorsetshire May Compete

"Y" CHAMPION IN ACTION

(By "CRAWL")

J. H. HUMAN'S UNIQUE BOWLING ACTION

M.C.C. Captain Makes Statement

Wellington (N. Z.), January 6.

J. H. Human, who on Monday bowled a succession of 24 wides and byes during the Test match between England and New Zealand, refuses to make any comment on his action. At the time he was bowling, Human was acting-captain. The statement that he was indicating his agreement with the appeal against the light by bowling wides is questioned by many cricketers.

E. B. T. Holmes, the M.C.C. captain, has stated Human was not protesting against the light. He declined to discuss the matter further.

COLONY BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three Matches For To-day

ONLY ONE SENIOR GAME

At the Kowloon Cricket Club this evening, E. D. da Roza will meet W. Hong Sling in the Second Round of the Senior Open Billiards Championship, and the winner will meet M. Rakusen in the Third Round.

Hong Sling beat A. W. Grimmit in the First Round, while da Roza qualified for the Second Round by a win over Q.M.S. H. Staples.

There will be two games in the junior section. The first is between Tam Bun-hun, who beat Fusilier Compton in the First Round, and Albert Koh, who won his First Round match against E. A. Souza. The other is that between Lam Shiu-fun and J. E. Noronha, who beat Chan Hon-ahn a break of 40 against Stafford's 34, and Wong King-sing, respectively.

"I SHALL WADE IN AND BEAT LOUIS"

Farmer's Bid Which Failed

New York, January 17.

"I shall wade right in and start swinging for Louis's chin," declared Charley Retzlaff, the farmer-boxer with "a powerful right swing but a soft chin," who is fighting Joe Louis, the Negro "bomber," in Chicago Stadium to-morrow night. "All those who Louis has beaten were afraid of him."

Retzlaff, who is aged 27, was once mentioned as a man who could be prevented from winning the world heavy-weight championship only "by lightning." He retired from boxing, complaining that it was too rough for him, but now like Cincinnati, he has returned from the plough.

[Louis knocked out Retzlaff in 35 seconds.]

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BOXING SURPRISE

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If these were counted as
punches, then Loughran won. If
credit was to be given for blows
that were genuinely solid, delivered
with tightly shut fist, then the
advantage was with Farr.

I thought Farr was the better
fighter in the early rounds, be-
cause in addition to meeting
Loughran willingly in the straight
left hitting, he beat him at close
range. Loughran had little reply
to Farr's body attacks except to
smother and to stall for time.

Clearly Inferior

Then Loughran came along in
great style in the middle rounds,
stabbing out his left like an
artist, but he was clearly the in-
ferior in rounds nine and ten.

In the last Farr, crowding the
veteran, pummeled him, hard
about the body, and for a few
seconds Loughran seemed in trou-
ble.

Loughran was not nearly so im-
pressive as against Strickland.
He had to do considerable energy-
saving last night and a great deal
of defensive work, but he and his
manager were so sure that Farr
had been beaten that they lodged
an appeal with a Board of Control
official right away.

W. ALLISON DEFEATED BY
COLLEGE

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Hendrix played a hard-driving
game to prevent the champion
making use of his net attack.

Baby Grant Beaten

The 23-year-old collegian from
Lakeland, Florida, won his way
to the final of the Miami Biltmore
tennis title recently by conquering
Bryan M. (Betsy) Grant Jr. of At-
lanta, ranked No. 3. The scores
were 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-0.

Hendrix's triumph over Grant
came just a week after the young
Floridian took the New Orleans
Sugar Bowl title by defeating Wil-
mer L. Allison Jr., national singles
champion and No. 1 player of the
nation.

TO-DAY'S SAILING
MATCH

Hong Kong Yacht Club
Against Karlsruhe

HELMSMEN SELECTED

In their sailing match against
the German cruiser Karlsruhe to-
day, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht
Club will be represented by the
following, who will sail in the
boats as listed and have with
them one member of the visiting
team:

- Red Fleet**
H1 Major Dixon
H2 Comdr. King
H5 N. V. Croucher
A1 Major Booty
A4 Mr. Ervine-Andrews
A6 Major Gill
A10 Wing Comdr. Beary
A12 Mr. Fortman
Y1 Col. Eidenbeck
Y5 L. F. Nicholson
Blue Fleet
H3 Major Postle
H7 T. C. Fairburn
H9 Col. Kirke
A2 H. S. Rouse
A5 Lt. Comdr. Stewart
A9 W. B. Cooper
A11 G. G. Wood
A14 Major Edwards
Y3 Sub. Lt. Winter
Y8 Sub. Lt. Grace

Members are requested to be at
the Club by 2 p.m.

The match, which will start at
2.30 p.m., will be a series of two
races, the second to commence 10
minutes after the finish of the last
boat in the first boat, the
helmsman changing over for the
second race.

The course will be:
Start:—West to East
Quarry Bay Mark (R)
Channel Rocks Mark (P)
Holts Wharf Mark (P)
Finish:—West to East.
Distance:—5 miles.

RAILWAY R. C. WITHDRAWING
FROM LEAGUE?

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It is the intention of the Club,
however, to train a team for the
1937/38 season by playing friend-
ly games next year.

Last year the Railway met with
better success, but they had the
assistance of several players who
were not members of the staff.

RUGBY LESSONS FROM THE SWANSEA GAME

ARTHUR MAILEY'S
SUGGESTIONTO ABOLISH APPEALS
AGAINST LIGHT

A PRACTICAL LIGHT-RECORDER!

London, January 23.

ARTHUR Mailey, the former Australian Test
bowler, who is travelling with the Aus-
tralian team in South Africa as a journalist, thinks
that appeals against bad light should be abol-
ished from cricket.

As an alternative, he suggests that the controlling bodies
of cricket should agree upon the standardisation of
light and that a mechanical light recorder should be used to
decide whether the light is good enough for play.

This follows the incident in the last Test, in which the field-
ing side, South Africa, appealed against the light. This caused
a good deal of criticism in South Africa.

IMPRESSION OF
ALL BLACKSNOT UP TO FORM OF
OLD TEAMS

BUT A SIDE OF DISTINCTION

The New Zealand Rugby Foot-
ball team are now on their way
home after their tour in the Brit-
ish Isles where they were beaten
by England and Wales and also
by Swansea.

It is only by comparison with
the tours of 1905-6 and 1924-25
that the record must seem to the
present party just a little dis-
satisfying.

The first "All Blacks" won 32
matches out of 33 and scored 868
points to 47, while their suc-
cessors of 1924 won each of the 30
games played and scored 721
points to 112.

Fine Record

The present team have been
neither so brilliant in attack nor
so formidable in defence as their
predecessors, but a record of 24
victories, three defeats, and one
drawn game, and a score of 431
points to 167 stamps them as a
team of very great distinction.

It should be remembered also
that from the first match, when
their hooker, Hadley, had a cheek-
bone fractured, they have been
heavily hit by those accidents that
are incidental to the game, and
on one occasion in early October
experienced some difficulty in
raising 15 sound players from
their party of 23.

Not So Inspiring

While everyone must be ap-
preciative of the excellent work ac-
complished by the tourists, it has
to be said that the play of the
side has never fired the imagin-
ation of Rugby men here quite as
did that of their predecessors and
especially the original "All
Blacks."

On rare occasions, the New
Zealanders have thrown the ball
about with something like the
abandon of those great sides of
earlier years, and when they have
done so they have aroused the en-
thusiasm that the open passing
and running game always creates
in Rugby football, but for the
most part they have been content
with the orthodox style of this
country in which touchline is used
very much more frequently than
ever it was used by either Gal-
laher's or Porter's teams.

Confidence Shaken

It is possible that confidence
was shaken a little in the early
matches because of the inability
of the side to do themselves jus-
tice in the set scrummages.

Be that as it may, we have mis-
sed the delightful handling of the
two previous sides, handling that
brought them such a crop of tries,
and our admiration of the team
has been largely because of their
pace, their backing-up, and their
quickness in seizing on the mis-
takes of their opponents. Ath-
letic News.

VARTY TRANSFERRED
TO CARLISLE

William Varty, a Gateshead F.C.
forward, has been transferred to
Carlisle United. Varty has had
experience with Blackpool and
Gillingham.

Mailey's suggestion receives
support from Mr. Frank Grey,
who umpired in the matches
between South Africa and War-
wick Armstrong's Australian
XI, and was considered by the
Australians as one of the best
umpires in the world.

Bagbear To Umpires

He said that the question of
appeals against the light had
always been a bugbear to umpires,
and any mechanical device which
would assist them would be wel-
comed.

He felt that if a practical light
recorder could be made, all crick-
eters would welcome it, and in-
stantly the fact that horse-racing
had been improved by the intro-
duction of mechanical starting
gates and electrical timing de-
vices. A mechanical light recorder
would reduce the margin of human
error.

Tests Too Grim

C. L. Vincent, the South African
left-arm bowler, who has now re-
tired from international cricket,
also agrees with the suggestion in
principle. "I think it is a sensible
suggestion to have the light
standardised, but am a little afraid
that the introduction of too many
mechanical devices will make
Test cricket too grim a business,
where winning is everything and
the game itself is forgotten."

E. P. Nupen, who captained
South Africa against A. P. F.
Chapman's England XI in the
last Test match that South Africa
won in this country goes further,
and thinks that all appeals should
be abolished.

All Against Appeals

"The umpires are in charge of
the game. They should decide
whether a man is out, low, or
caught without the fielding side
having to appeal. There are many
occasions when a bowler loses an
lb.w. decision through not appeal-
ing, because he is out of line of
the wicket or a trick goes to the
wicket-keeper without his realis-
ing that the batsman has touched
the ball, just as there are many
appeals which ought never to be
made. The umpires, as the con-
trollers of the game, should give
a man out without an appeal."

101 RUNS LEAD FOR
THE M.C.C.Poverty Bay Out
Cheaply

Gisborne, To-day.
The M.C.C. cricket tourists in
New Zealand established a lead of
101 runs yesterday as the result
of the first day's play in their
two-day match against Poverty
Bay.

Battling first, the Englishmen
closed their first innings at 206
for five wickets, of which J. H.
Hume made 50 not out.

Poverty Bay replied with 105
runs. Only one batsman, Reeves,
could do anything against the
visiting bowlers, this player
knocking up 51. Reuter.

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

The following will represent
the Hong Kong Hockey Club
against the H.K.S.R.A. on the
Marina ground at 5 p.m. to-day:
H. F. Gledhill, J. E. Potter (Capt.),
G. Sommer, J. L. Cotesworth, R. A.
Bates, J. L. Taylor, S. A. Parker, J.
Proctor, G. E. R. Davis, D. Carr,
and D. L. Nooy.



European horse-racing experts
predict that Omaha, great son of
Gallant Fox and 1935 winner of
the richest American stakes, will
not find everything his own way
when he faces the barrier in
England in the Ascot Gold Cup.

WINTER GAMES

Fantastic Speed In
Bobsleigh Race

SWISS TRIUMPHS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Garmisch-Partenkirchen,
To-day.

Two Swiss entries, closely fol-
lowed by England and Germany,
took the lead in the second of the
scheduled four Bobsleigh races,
which took place yesterday after-
noon.

The Swiss, led by Lieutenant
Musi, achieved the fantastic speed
of 1 minute 18.78 secs. on the
second run, with a total of 2
minutes 41.23 secs. for the first
two runs.—Trans-Ocean Service.

BRITAIN'S SURPRISE WIN
Garmisch: Great Britain caused
a tremendous sensation in the
Semi-Final Round of the first
group of the Olympic Ice Hockey
Tournament when they eliminated
Canada, the favourites, by the
odd goal in three, while Germany
beat Hungary by the same margin.

In the Semi-Final Round en-
counters in the second group the
United States beat Czechoslova-
kia by two clear goals and
Sweden eliminated Austria by a
solitary goal.—Reuter.

HELLBENDER COMES
DOWN IN GALLOPAnnual Meeting Hopes
Dashed

(By "RAPIER")

An unfortunate incident occur-
red during this morning's train-
ing gallops at the Jockey Club
when Mr. Helenside's Hellbender,
a dun 1936 subscription griffin of
14.1 hands, slipped and came
down at the half mile post.

Fortunately, the riding boy was
not injured, but the chances of
this promising pony starting at
the Annual Meeting are now very
remote. The extent of the injury
has not yet been revealed.

CENTURY FOR
DARLINGBut Australians Held
To Draw

Bulawayo, To-day.

The cricket match between the
Australians and Rhodesia ended
here yesterday in a draw, but
match started on Saturday, but
rain interfered to such an extent
that very little play was possible
on the first day, when the visitors
scored 77 for 2.

Australians: 357 (L. Darling 108,
W. A. Brown 97).
Rhodesia: 157 for 4. Reuter.

KARLSRUHE V. TAMAR
AT FOOTBALL

A friendly football game has
been arranged between the Ger-
man cruiser Karlsruhe and H.M.S.
Tamar at Cariswary Bay this
afternoon starting at 4 p.m.

ENGLAND BADLY AT
FAULT IN SCRUMSDRASTIC CHANGE IS
SUGGESTED

CASE FOR SIX FORWARDS

(By Howard Marshall)

London, January 23.

IT is, perhaps, a little difficult to cast our minds
back, when so much has happened since, to
the drawn match between England and Wales at
Swansea last Saturday. Before we forget that
abysmally disappointing game, though, a little
reflection may not be out of place.

Judging by the correspondence I have had, there is very real
concern about the England scrummaging. One reader, who was
at St. Helen's himself, goes so far as to suggest that the remedy
for our forward troubles is the reduction of the pack to six
players.

Now, I am rather old-fashioned about such suggestions. I
bristle when sacrilegious hands are laid upon the forwards. I
distrust and dislike scrummaging innovations. For all that, this
correspondent puts forward his argument so reasonably that I
pass it on for general consideration.

A 3-2-1 pack, he suggests,
would produce the following
advantages: a quicker heel,
since the ball could come out at
the sides of the second row; a
clearer view of the ball; the
abolition of obstructionist
tactics by swinging back-row
forwards; more freedom for the
scrum-half.

Proved Sound

A revolutionary suggestion, as
my correspondent realises, though
it has already been proved sound
by the Rugby League. For my
part, I should be unwilling to see
it adopted, if only for the reason
that it would deprive two players
in every team of their Saturday
afternoon's game.

And I do not think any such
drastic change is necessary. The
pack of eight forwards can func-
tion with perfect efficiency if only
the players work upon sound prin-
ciples.

It may seem that my views on
the Swansea scrummaging are
merely the moans of a disgruntled
Englishman, and that I should in-
stead be praising the Welsh for-
wards, who beat the English pack
so unexpectedly and so convinc-
ingly.

Cause For Worry

I do not complain because the
English forwards were beaten, and
I salute their spirited opponents
wholeheartedly. What does worry
me is the fact that an uncommonly
heavy and experienced England
pack could not shove and master
their opponents who adopted a
sketchy 3-4-1 formation, with
never more than six forwards
really working.

What went wrong with the
English scheme I do not know, but
another correspondent suggests
that Nicholson's hooking was per-
haps at fault. This, I think, is
insufficient explanation. It is
true that the English heeling was
not particularly good against New
Zealand, but then Nicholson was
up against W. Hadley, a hooker of
remarkable skill, supported by
plenty of honest shoving.

It is upon this question of sup-
port that the issue turns. I am
prepared to argue that if our
selectors forgot all about specialist
hookers, and picked eight solid
forwards, every one of whom,
middle man of the front row in-
cluded, would shove every ounce of
his weight, England would beat
any specialist pack in the world.
The modern front row is often a
flimsy affair, as it must be when
the hooker balances himself pre-
cariously upon one leg. The Eng-
lish front row at Swansea was not
only flimsy, but so high that the
Welshmen shoved under it, and it
seemed to me that Nicholson had
very little chance.

In John Daniell's Day

Here I may quote from another
correspondent, who refers, in a
most interesting letter, to the days
when forwards were forwards and
not general utility men. He re-
minds us, incidentally, that our
present chairman of selectors was
a forward in the finest tradition.
"John Daniell, before the law
was altered, used to pick up the
ball between his knees, and I re-
member him in a match between
Middlesex and Surrey doing this
scrumming the scrum, and going
over for a try. If you packed next
week at 2.30 p.m. An entrance fee of
£1.50 per pair will be made.

FRENCH TURF PRIZES
TO BE REDUCED

Famous Paris Races

Paris, January 15.

First prizes in most of the
famous races on the Paris Turf
are to be reduced this year by
about 20 or 30 per cent.

The Prix de President de la Re-
publique is to be reduced from
\$4,000 to \$2,600. The Prix de
Elevage from \$3,000 to \$1,800;
and the Grand Steeple Chase
d'Enghien from \$2,000 to \$1,300.
Second prizes, on the other hand,
are to be raised by about one-third,
and third prizes are also to be
raised slightly.

Entrance fees to the paddocks
are to be reduced by 20 to 50 per
cent.

unless you wanted your ribs
broken. There were forwards who
could both shove and use their feet
in those days.

"It does not do to decay pro-
gress, and of course the modern
forward has developed speed and
handling, but I sometimes sigh for
some of the old close dribbles, not
merely kick and rush."

I agree that we cannot set the
clock back, but still I feel that if
Mr. Daniell could broadcast to
clubs throughout the country in
his most forcible manner, expound-
ing the lessons of last Saturday's
scrumming failure, the game
would benefit very considerably.

"A Pretty Good Team"

I agree, also, with another who
pleads with the Selection Commit-
tee, "who have done their work
well, to resist the temptation to
make little alterations, tinkering
and patching what must at least
be a pretty good team."

It is a pretty good team, and I
should be perfectly satisfied if no
alterations were made at all. The
forwards need merely some
strenuous scrummaging practice,
and a few pointed observations which
will shake them into a fresh
conception of their job.

They must surely make up their
minds that the 3-2-3 formation
is adequate to their needs, and
learn to use that formation effec-
tively, instead of switching franti-
cally to other fancy methods of
packing. With this tightening up
forward I have an idea that Eng-
land may yet go triumphantly
through an exceedingly interesting
season.

A. N. RAWSON FOR
F. A. BOARD


A committee of the F. A. have
decided to recommend that the
application of A. N. Rawson,
formerly a professional player for
Sheffield United, for a seat on
the club's board of directors be
granted.

AMERICAN TOURNAMENT AT
K.C.C. NEXT SUNDAY

The Kowloon Cricket Club are
holding an American Tennis Tour-
nament for members and subscri-
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Hong Kong, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1936

Naval Replacement

One cannot help wondering why the British Admiralty and the Treasury should be supposed to have chosen an American News Agency for its confidences on the subject of the contemplated increase of the means of defence against "predatory nations." Just at present the representatives of Washington and London, Paris and Rome are in the middle of deliberations to limit the size of ships and guns, and such other minor matters as are left open for an agreement after the retirement of the delegation from Tokyo. It may be said that the only possible basis for an agreement is confidence in each other's good faith and desire to avoid war; for if any particular war was thought to be impending no navy would set out to limit its strength. One also knows that quite large estimates for an increase of the American Navy are being submitted to Congress, which would not be necessary unless some actual danger were in sight. Is there no connection between these facts? There is still quite a large section in the States that insists on regarding an Anglo-American war as "inevitable," and the voting of an amount of \$3,000,000, to be raised by loan, equal to half a whole year's income, as soon as the Washington Treaty expires, would look like a menace and would be interpreted as such.

The actual facts of the situation are very much the other way. It was our own Government that called the Conference to consider whether the Washington Treaty could not be renewed, and even in the face of almost certain failure—due to the action of Japan—it has persisted in trying to save something from the wreck. The issue of a loan for the vast amount mentioned would be equivalent to wiping out all the reductions of debt that have been achieved, and it would absorb an amount of capital that, at present being unremuneratively employed, enables the floating debt to be financed at very low rates. This may be said without for one moment questioning that if necessary for safety that sum or more would be provided.

The need for a renewal of obsolescent ships and for more planes is admitted by everybody who realises that the policy of one-sided reduction has not merely had no effect, but an effect in the wrong direction. One is reminded of the Gladstonian days, when a stern economy of the Fleet for a term of years was inevitably succeeded by a panic and profuse expenditure for overtime. The names of Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Fisher and W. T. Stead inevitable recur to memory. They performed a useful public service that should not have had to be done by means of newspaper sensationalism. Until there is clear evidence that other Powers are willing to economise, the only sound line of action is to recognise that a Fleet of a certain size is required, and that it should be maintained by a regular programme of replacement of old ships, and experimentation with whatever new types or new methods of attack and defence are being devised in the drafting office and the laboratory. And there is a great virtue in the old principle, quite frequently re-emphasised by

Here There and Everywhere.

CHIEF OF THE CLAN MACKAY

Meanwhile, the senior branch of the Mackay family continued to flourish in Britain, and became in due course, Baron Reay. Their male line ceased in 1875, when the two titles were united in the Dutch representative of the family, the father of the present baron.

Lord Reay is chief of the clan Mackay, and has for some years been a British subject. He was 80 on Christmas Day last year.

MR. JOHN'S GHOST

Mr. Augustus John, who has not been seen much in London since he sold his Chelsea house to Miss Gracie Fields, returned recently and has taken a studio in Gledes-place.

He had some difficulty in finding one large enough for his requirements, for John is one of the few modern artists who still likes to paint on the grand scale.

His new studio is reputed to be haunted by the phantom of a disembowelled white stallion, strayed in from Henry VIII's hunting-box which used to stand next door.

For years, the house remained untenanted. Then Miss Olga Lynn redecorated and modernised the place. Later Mr. Gerald Reitlinger, the archaeologist, who has a beautiful collection of oriental antiques, lived there.

It is not reported that either of them was troubled by an equine visitor.

TRAFFIC JAM ENDS CHASE

After a chase by police through Wellington (Northants) streets, a traffic jam caused two men to abandon a car alleged to have been stolen.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, that new ships would be paid for out of revenue. Loans may be needed now and then, but their object should only be to keep the level of construction regular, both in the interests of economy and of regular employment.

Should a loan be raised in the current year it is quite certain that the proportion that will be used for new capital ships will be different from what it would have been a few years ago. There has never been a time when there has not been controversy as to the relative effectiveness of various arms, and there is plenty of it to-day. The outstanding clash of expert opinion is as to the value of bombing aeroplanes against big ships. The Duce is said to hold the idea that battleships are out of date. The meaning of his remark that England is no longer a Mediterranean Power was that any port within reach of the Italian planes could no longer give shelter to a fleet. On the other hand he has himself laid down the keels of two enormous battleships; and in these questions one judges of the views of a Government by actions and not by words. But he has also another new weapon, which is also in favour with Japan. This is what is known as the "sea-sled," a small torpedo boat capable of great speed and of being worked by three men. The small crew would need a good deal of nerve, and would practically be staking their own lives against heavy odds. Nothing is known of what answer will be adopted. The sled would not survive a hit from any sized gun, and a modern fleet would be preceded and surrounded by destroyers.

The army also has its problems of mechanisation, which has been experimented with enough to establish at least that it is very expensive. A small army must be highly trained and provided with the best available outfit, but it is clear that all developments point towards more and more of future wars being done by machinery. If attempts at international regulation are not to be abandoned, they will have to aim at a much more strict control than has been contemplated in the recent era of abortive conferences.

"SET A THIEF"

Criminals Seek Police Jobs

RECORDS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Washington. Many ex-criminals—including some who have been convicted of murder—have been trying to get jobs as policemen in the United States. This has been discovered by Federal experts, who compared with finger-prints of applicants with those in the criminal records.

The Army, hotels, and taxi-driving are other occupations that appeal to ex-convicts, according to this investigation. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation, states that 621 former criminals have been found among 8,799 applicants' finger-prints submitted to his department in one month.

Criminal Records

Among 7,539 men who enlisted for Army service during the month 494 were found to have criminal records, including robbery, theft, embezzlement, forgery, breaking and entering, and unlawful wounding. Penitentiary sentences had been served by 53 of them.

Fifty persons out of 689 who sought work in hotels and amusement places in Miami, Florida, and Amarillo, Texas, had criminal records, including white slavery, desertion, assault, bootlegging, larceny, and driving stolen cars.

Mr. Howard Donovan, who was for six years American Consul at Kobe, and is now on leave in the United States, has, according to word received from Washington, been transferred to Hong Kong upon the expiration of his leave in February.

Your Daily Smile!

An American woman has just broken a world's record for throwing the hammer. Curiously enough, her husband broke the record for the hundred-yard sprint at the same time.

"What is the correct heading for the wide open spaces of Africa?" asks a traveller about to visit that country. Might we suggest a veil hat?

Testing Himself

"Hi," shouted the greenhorn to the small boy, loitering near the apple barrel, "are ye tryin' to take an apple?"

"Na, I wis tryin' not to."

A HUNDRED DAYS OF THE WAR

ITALY DEPRIVED OF THE INITIATIVE

ABYSSINIANS ACQUIRE COHESION BY CLEVER STRATEGY

(By Major-General A. C. Temperley)

London, January 10.

In a previous article I endeavoured to trace the course of the Abyssinian campaign up to early December, and to indicate certain possibilities as to the future. Since then another five weeks have passed, and at the beginning of the New Year and on the hundredth day of the war we may again take stock of the position.

Makalle and Goralai fell about November 7, and Marshal de Bono was succeeded by Marshal Badoglio on November 17.

Marshal Badoglio must have found the army the prisoner of the decision—in which he probably had had the final say—to employ overwhelming numbers and armament. This has produced the present impasse. Correspondents at Asmara are occasionally permitted to lift a corner of the veil which has been drawn over the army's communications. These appear to be in a terrible condition.

Losses in Lorries

Indeed, given the number of mouths to feed and the character of the country, it is clear to any experienced observer that the Italians can only be "hanging on by the eyelids" until they can get at least two good metalled roads through to the front and, where the ground permits, build some light railways.

They started from the frontier with a great flourish of trumpets to get a quick success at Adowa for political reasons. Again, in their next bound to Makalle, they were content to gamble with dirt tracks instead of roads. But their frightful losses in lorries, as well as in camels and mules, appear to have convinced them that extensive work on the communications is necessary in order to avoid a complete breakdown.

They narrowly escaped it at Makalle, where it is understood

that no wheeled transport succeeded in getting through for three weeks, and troops had to be fed by aeroplane. I lay stress on this matter of communications, as it is the vital factor in the Italian plan of campaign. "The secret of war," Napoleon said, "lies in the communications."

Slow Advance

It has taken them three months to advance 70 miles; by all the rules, the next 70 will take them very much longer. And Addis Ababa is 50 miles away by road, and the rains begin in May!

To turn to the military situation. A month ago the Italians were consolidating their position, with their chief strength at Makalle, their right flank along the Takkaze river, believed to be firmly held, and the left flank, from the escarpment to the plain, guarded by a mixed force of native levies and Danakil tribesmen. There had been a stiff little action at Abbi, on the left, but except for this peace seemed to reign everywhere, though the Tembien massif was known to be full of the enemy.

On the Abyssinian side, correspondents had watched scores of thousands of warriors continually passing through the capital. But they vanished into the northern mists, and one began to wonder whether they would ever be heard of again as formed bodies.

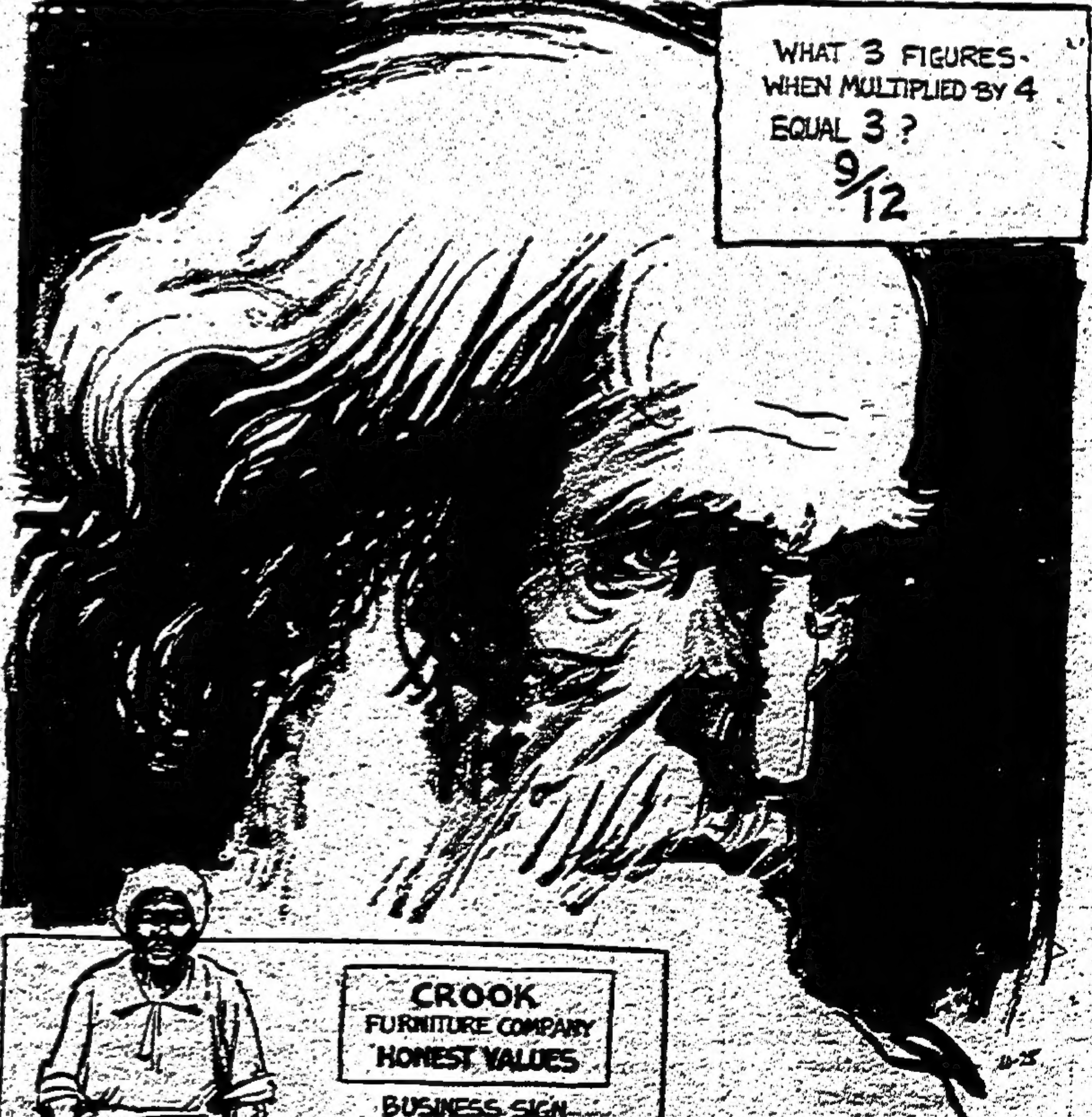
Changed Situation

Then suddenly the situation changed. Intense Italian air activity was a clear indication that their intelligence service had discovered that the Abyssinians at last meant business.

They did not commit the folly of trying to stage a big offensive, but they struck three hammer-blows at different parts of the line. The tactics in each case were identical. Bodies of 3,000-5,000 men, whose approach had been

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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CHINESE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

INCREASING USE OF ELECTRICITY

PIONEER WORK DONE BY GERMAN FIRMS

THE oldest mechanical industry of China, and even to-day by far the most important branch of industry, is the manufacture of cotton. It was in 1836 that the first textile factory driven by steam was erected in Shanghai with 65,000 spindles and 600 looms. This plant, later taken over as the Sun Sing No. 9 Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mill by an important Chinese cotton concern, was in operation up till 1933. The first installation was soon followed by others, all steam-operated.

English contractors are responsible for the erection of nearly all the Chinese textile factories which exist to-day. For the electrification of these plants, however, the German electro-industry did the pioneer work. The first Chinese cotton spinning mill to be equipped with electric power was the Soey Chee Cotton Mill, to-day the Sun Sing No. 7 Cotton Mill, in the year 1907. The work was carried out by the German firm A.E.G. (General Electric Company), and the Shanghai Power Company, the public electricity works of Shanghai, furnished the electric current.

First Factory

In 1912 the first Chinese textile factory with its own electric power-station was built in Wushih, called the Chen Sing Cotton Mill. It was again the A.E.G. who delivered the turbo-generator, as well as all the electric motors, with a total capacity of about 1,200 h.p. As most of the Chinese textile factories were built between 1886 and 1914, according to the technical knowledge available at that period in regard to steam-driven plant, an urgent need arose for their replacement by electrical installations with greater power. Thus, since the year 1930, a large number of plants were electrified under the guidance of the German electro-industry.

The initial machines were driven by the ordinary group system, and the spinning machines all had individual drive, whereas in the looming industry the better situated firms chose the individual drive on account of the lower costs of operation, and the concerns of moderate and small means showed a preference for the group-drive, the installation costs of which are lower.

Kinds Of Motors Used

In textile factories they normally use motors which are entirely closed, with or without ventilation from outside. In the case of group-driven machines, however, the closed type of motor is avoided, owing to the difference in price, and they get over the difficulty by erecting the motor in an adjacent room free from dust. Particularly in the case of old spinning-mills, where it is intended to transfer from steam to electrical operation, such a room is often to be found on the short side of the carding and roving room. Instead of the rope transmission, which was formerly accommodated in this room, all they have to do when the transfer is made is to provide every connecting shaft with an electric motor.

For operating ring spinning-machines the draught-aided motors have the advantage that, in the continental Chinese climate, they enable the temperature to be regulated in the spinning-room by a simple process. These motors were introduced two years ago. Hinged valves in the air-escape pipes permit the warm air to be blown out in very warm summers, and lead the warmth of the motor into the spinning-room in relatively cold winters, serving as heating for the room.

Special Piping

As far as cool air is concerned, motors of a spinning motor-set can be equipped with a combined supply and discharge pipe. If the spinning-room is in the upper story, this sheet-iron pipe is placed under the ceiling of the lower story, whereas if the room is on the ground-floor, the floor is dug up, the pipe covered with brickwork, and closed up after being built in.

For connecting the motor to the spinning-machine, the short wedge-belt-driving has been almost exclusively employed for years. It lasts a long time, takes up little space, and starts off very smoothly. It is only moderately tightened so that the strong belt-slip which takes place when the motor starts off, principally on the small motor disc, is only gradually taken up by the machine.

The higher the number of revolutions of the spinning-machine, thereby increasing the peripheral speed of the wedge-belt, the more it tightens, and at full rotation reaches its normal tension. Current-reversing or commutator motor together with spinning regulators have not been introduced on account of their high price.

Protection Of Motor

The protection of the motor is receiving in China the attention it deserves. To-day only first-class motor protection switches with bi-metallic releases and no-volt releases are admitted. Particularly popular are the motor protection oil switches, which are operated by a press button. Of late they have been trying where possible to connect up all motor switches to a central contactor installation, so that every switch can be operated by press-button in the vicinity of the motor in question.

The German electro-industry has been studying for years the problem of getting orders for planning and erecting the distribution system as well as for delivery of the machines, as this is the only way of guaranteeing that the plants will satisfy all technical claims.

Come To Standstill

In view of the present economic crisis in the Chinese textile industry, the electrification of the existing factories and the erection of new manufacturing plants has come to a standstill. The last large electrification scheme was that of the Sun Sing No. 9 Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mill in the years 1933 and 1934, as mentioned at the beginning of this article. It must, however, be borne in mind that with a population of over 400,000,000, China has only 4.6 million spindles. We can therefore reckon on an intensified constructional programme as soon as the momentary depression has been overcome.

BIG CATCH OF HERRINGS

One of the largest harvests of herrings ever known was taken by German fishermen off Heligoland in the first few days of last month.

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Brother of the Venerable Order of St. John being conferred upon him, and had also more recently conferred upon him the honour of the O. B. E.

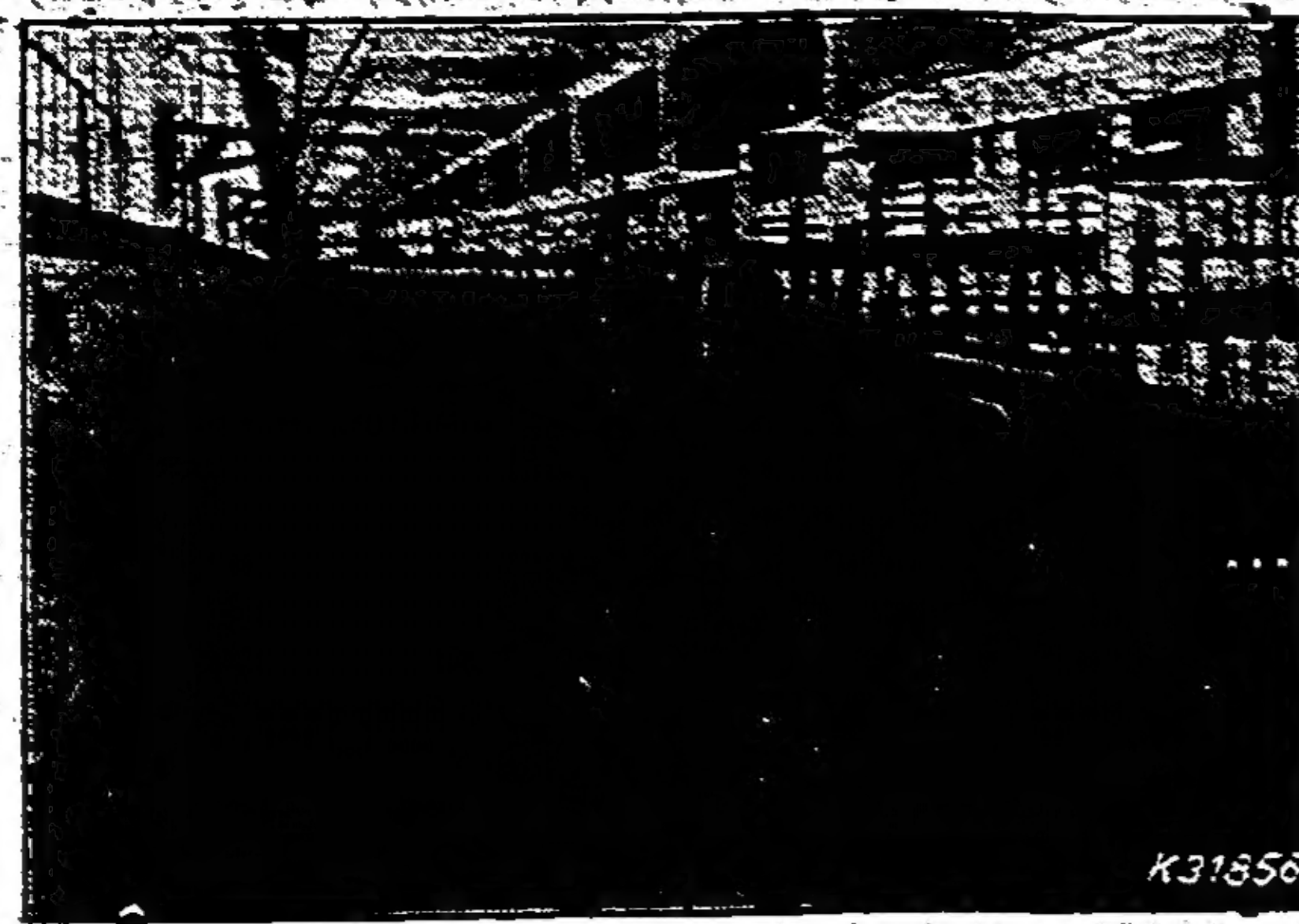
The presentation was then made by the Chairman, after which Mrs. Langley, District Officer of the nursing division, paid a similar honour to Dr. (Mrs.) J. E. Dovey.

The Hon. Dr. A. E. Wellington also expressed his deep appreciation of the services of Dr. and Mrs. Moore, from whom he had received much valuable assistance. Mr. Ho Kom-tong, speaking in Chinese, followed in similar vein, after which Dr. Moore suitably replied.

Tourist Business Drops

A drop of two-thirds in the total volume of the world's tourist trade in the five years 1929-34 is reported in a League survey just published at Geneva.

In 1929 the world spent \$340,000,000 on "touring," in 1934 this figure had fallen to \$113,000,000. The greatest part of the decline was the result of internal conditions in the United States and the devaluation of the dollar. Thus Americans, who spent \$162,000,000 abroad in 1929, spent only \$13,000,000 in 1934.



A room in a Chinese spinning mill, with air-cooled motors.

THEORY OF EXPLOSION IN LOST SHIP MYSTERY

Wreckage From Parings Washed Up On Australian Coast

Melbourne. A possible clue to the mystery of the steamer Parings, which disappeared in mid-December while towing an oil tanker to Japan for breaking up, is a statement that fire broke out in her bunkers before she sailed. It is suggested that an explosion may have sunk the ship with all hands, which would account for her failure to send out any signals of distress before her disappearance.

The Parings had on board three British officers and a crew of 26 Chinese. Early last month a hatch identified as belonging to the missing ship was picked up on the shore at Lakes Entrance, Victoria.

FAREWELL TO DR. W.B.A. MOORE

Gloucester Hotel Function

PRESENTATIONS MADE

Members of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade gathered in great force at the tea party held at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday afternoon to bid farewell to Dr. W. B. A. Moore, O.B.E., District Surgeon, and Mrs. Moore, who are going to England on retirement, and to say *au revoir* to Mr. J. Ralston, District Superintendent, and Mrs. Ralston, Dr. J. E. Dovey, Divisional Surgeon, and Mrs. (Dr.) A. L. J. Dovey, Corps Surgeon, who are shortly going home on leave.

Dr. and Mrs. Moore were presented with a carved ivory figure, the Chinese emblem of "long life," while Mrs. Dovey received a bottle of perfume, and boxes of cigars were presented to Dr. Dovey and Mr. Ralston. From the Railway Division Dr. and Mrs. Moore were presented with two porcelain Chinese pictures on blackwood and Chinese silk scrolls.

Mr. A. Morris, Director of Ambulance, presided, and a large number of friends and well-wishers were present.

Mr. Morris first expressed his gratification at seeing so many members of the Brigade present; also the Vice-Patrons and members of the Finance Committee. He had received a message of regret from Sir Robert Ho Tung who, under doctor's orders, was unable to be present.

Services To Humanity The Chairman referred in eulogistic vein to the services of Dr. Moore to the community in general and also to the St. John Ambulance Association and rejoiced that, on the recommendation of the Chapter General of the order, His late Majesty, King George V, approved of the rank of Serving (Continued at foot of Preceding Column.)

ROTARY WELCOMES GERMAN GUESTS

Yesterday's Meeting

REV. K. MACKENZIE DOW ON CLYDESDALE CONDITIONS

A hearty welcome was extended to officers of the German cruiser Karlsruhe who were the guests of the Hong Kong Rotary Club at their weekly tiffin yesterday.

Professor L. Forster, President of the Club, said that the representative officers of the cruiser who were their guests were Commander Wassermann, Mr. Forstmann and Mr. Markkan. Capt. Siemens unfortunately was prevented by a prior engagement from attending.

The speaker felt sure that the Rotary Club was behind him in expressing a most cordial welcome to their visitors. He would ask them to convey these greetings to those on board ship. (Applause.)

German Replies

Rotarian A. H. Veltman acted as interpreter for Commander Wassermann, who thanked the Rotary Club for their welcome and said he had encountered similar clubs in many places and in Germany. He appreciated that Rotary did a lot to bring people together in order to exchange views on different matters. In Germany they had sought to promote co-operation and friendship with other countries and they were glad to see clubs with similar aims and to wish them, as they did the Hong Kong Rotary Club, prosperity in the future.

The speaker of the day, the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow, drew a touching picture, from personal knowledge, of the terrible poverty existing on Clydeside.

ARTILLERY GUN PRACTICE

Times And Dates Specified

NOTIFICATION TO GENERAL PUBLIC

Anti-Aircraft gun practice will take place from the South-west end of Stanley Peninsula on the dates and at the times stated below. The direction of firing will be over the sea area bounded on the East by the Putoi Islands and on the West by Lamma Island (East end), and for a distance southwards of Stanley Peninsula of 12,000 yards.

A red flag and black ball by day, and a red lamp, giving one flash every 5 seconds, by night will be shown at Stanley Peninsula during all firings, and a launch, flying a red flag by day and showing a red lamp at night, will cruise in the vicinity of the firing area.

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"SD" Spare Day on which firing may take place.

PREHISTORIC ELEPHANT BONE The High bone of an elephant, said to be 30,000 years old, found during excavations at the site of the prehistoric elephant bone, has been presented to the local museum.

SCIENTIFIC MARVEL

NEW HEARTS SUCCESSFULLY TRANSPLANTED

Princeton University Experiments

OTHER ORGANS PREVIOUSLY TRANSFERRED

Princeton (New Jersey). Experiments involving the successful transfer of the heart of one creature into the body of another have been described at Princeton University here before a meeting of the Zoological Society of America.

Dr. H. H. Collins and Dr. W. H. Wright, who conducted the experiments, announced that they had transplanted the hearts of ten embryo newts into the bodies of ten adult newts. The newts with the two hearts lived and functioned almost normally for 100 to 165 days.

Then they died, the scientists stated, because they were "freaks" and not as healthy as ordinary newts.

Kept Own Beat

Each transplanted heart, however, lived in its new environment just as long as its adopted body lived. The grafted organ, moreover, remained intrinsic, maintaining its own beat and not synchronising with the action of the old heart.

The operations took place, the zoologists said, before the embryo newts were more than a few days old. This was necessary because newts "grow up" in two or three weeks.

The two scientists, who in earlier experiments successfully transferred legs and mouths from one newt to another, used red spotted newts for their heart-transfer experiments. These are small salamanders, of the same family as frogs.

THE TRAMP AND THE PURSE

A tramp picked up a purse while passing through Felpham on his way from Bognor to Littlehampton.

He returned to Bognor Police Station and handed it in, saying: "It might belong to someone who could not afford to lose it." The purse contained 13s.

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Father D'Elia, in the Chapter on Religions, contributes an interesting Chronological Review of Catholic Missions in China. Mr. E. Kam is again responsible for the Chapter on Currency and Banking, and the Loan Tables.

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SEVERE COLD IN BRITAIN

SEVERAL CASES OF COLLAPSE

MANY SHIPS SEND CALLS FOR HELP

London, To-day.

The spell of severe cold which began over the week-end continues. The temperature in London yesterday morning was three to four degrees lower than on Monday. There have been several cases of collapse from cold, and two deaths are reported.

Frost during Monday night, which was the coldest of the present winter, has left the roads in many districts dangerous or impassable. In the Thames Estuary the water is frozen for about a mile out from the shore.

Although the gale of Monday has moderated, a number of ships sent out calls for help yesterday in the high seas still running all along the British coasts. In the Irish Sea the 3,019-ton motor vessel Innisfallen, engaged on the passenger service between Cork and Fishguard, went to the assistance of the Daunt Rock lightship, which was adrift but which was later taken in tow by the destroyer Tenados. The Folkestone-Dunkirk service was again cancelled yesterday morning. The air services were running late. — British Wireless Service.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone has extended south-westward and decreased in intensity over Manchuria. A depression is still indicated in the Pacific, to the north-east of Japan. North-east winds, fresh, fine, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

MODERN NAVAL BUILDING

'Adequate Information' In Britain

London, To-day.

In the House of Lords, replying to a motion by Lord Stroboli urging a full enquiry into the organisation, equipment and control of the fighting forces, especially in view of the proposed increased expenditure, Lord Montagu said that the Navy and Air Force had lately participated in a great number of large-scale experiments with a view to enabling them to make adequate preparation against the air menace by both guns and hull construction.

"In the opinion of the Admiralty," he said, "we now, by these experiments, have adequate information for the construction of modern battleships." — Reuter.

BRITISH FLEET MOVEMENTS

Destroyer Flotilla Leaves Gibraltar

London, To-day.

The Sixth Destroyer Flotilla, which is returning to the United Kingdom to recommission, sailed from Gibraltar yesterday afternoon.

The Admiralty announces that His Majesty's ships Neptune and Orion, at the conclusion of periodical leave, will return to Gibraltar to rejoin the Flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet. The Flag of Vice-Admiral, commanding the Second Cruiser Squadron, will be shifted to the Orion on her arrival at Gibraltar, after which the Leander will return to the United Kingdom. — British Wireless Service.

H.M.S. Sandwich is expected to leave the Colony to-morrow for Amoy, after which she will depart for the Yangtze River Station.

SETTLEMENT OF THE ASSYRIANS

DEBATE OPENED IN HOUSE OF LORDS

PUBLIC APPEAL TO BE SPONSORED BY ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

London, Today.

The plan for the settling of Assyrians in the Ghab District in Syria was the subject of debate in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon, initiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He pointed out that when the contributions already promised, including a sum of £250,000 which the British Government had offered, had been added together, a balance of £180,000 remained to be found.

The Primate stated that he was ready to inaugurate a public appeal for this money, and had already secured a strong committee to give effect to it if the Government approved.

CHINESE ART IN LONDON

German Visitors To Exhibition

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
London, To-day.

Five hundred Germans arrived here on the North German Lloyd steamer General von Steuben, in order to visit the Chinese Art Exhibition at Burlington House.

Since no agreement regulating the tourist traffic exists between England and Germany, the visitors, on leaving Germany, were only permitted to take 17 shillings with them. This makes it necessary that they take their meals on the steamer which lies at Tilbury, and from where 12 motor-buses transport them daily twice to Burlington House and back.

The visit of the German art-lovers will last till Friday, when they will return to Germany on the General von Steuben. — Trans-Ocean Service.

DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR

Ulster Rifleman Fined

Remarking that in future similar cases will be dealt with seriously and that the defendant or defendants will be given no option of a fine, Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistrate this morning, fined L/Cpl. Francis Ferron, of the Royal Ulster Rifles, \$50 in respect of the three charges of behaving in a disorderly manner at No. 2 Police Station on February 8 and with assaulting Sub-Inspector Langley and Sergeant Appleton in the discharge of their duty, on the same date, at No. 2 Police Station.

PROSPECTUS TRIAL OF OLD BAILEY

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Another unforeseeable factor was the new crop of 6,000 tons, bigger than usual, and also the 6,000 tons of old stocks in London. The three defendants faced the responsibility of buying or stopping buying, and possibly selling with a disastrous loss.

JAMES SHAKESPEARE BOUGHT If Williams Henry failed the responsibility would fall on Bishirgian and Co. In order to save the latter company Howson, through another company, purchased James Shakespeare. Steps were taken to convert the firm into a public company and to make a public issue to acquire the business of Bishirgian and Co. Then there was no doubt that what was planned took place. The newly-formed James Shakespeare and Co. replaced the Bishirgian Co. as brokers for William Henry in connection with pepper and shellac purchases. The prospectus dilated upon the fact that James Shakespeare was an old-established firm, referred to the commodity business of Bishirgian and Co., recalled the continuity of management for which provision would be made and also referred to the option to buy the interest in William Henry.

The prospectus contained a notable omission in not referring to the pepper, shellac or tin commitments, although Williams Henry were committed to deliver 11,000 tons of pepper costing \$1,000,000 in the near future. — Reuter.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lord Stanhope, said that although the Government felt that they had no actual liability in regard to the settlement of the Assyrians, they decided to make an offer of £250,000 to the League on condition that Iraq made an equal contribution, and Iraq had agreed. The result was that the total cost of the settlement left a gap of £180,000.

The only hope to meet this gap and clear up the situation would be a substantial response to the appeal the Archbishop proposed to make to private charity. The Government would help the appeal and hoped it would be a great success.

FEATURE OF SCHEME The scheme for the settlement of the Assyrians requires preliminary work of reclamation and development in the plain known as the Ghab, including extensive drainage and irrigation, at a cost of about \$327,000, of which the French mandatory authorities are furnishing about \$330,000. The alluvial soil of the Valley of the Orontes is believed to be of great potential richness. It is anticipated that the Assyrians will be able to begin to cultivate their permanent lands in 1940.

NET COST The net cost of the settlement operation itself, as distinct from the preliminary reclamation and development, was estimated in the original plan submitted to the League of Nations last September at about \$320,000. This covered the provision for administration, the transport of the Assyrians from Iraq, food supplies, motor vehicles and tractors, agricultural implements and seed, livestock, construction of houses, schools and churches, and sanitary services and supplies. The most important of these credits is for food—about \$125,000—during the period before the settlers are able to grow sufficient for their own needs.

BOARD ESTABLISHED As a result of the resolution of the League Council an Autonomous Board of Trustees for Assyrian Settlement has been established at Beirut. Its task is to collaborate with the French Mandatory authorities in the administration of the actual settlement operation—as distinct from the reclamation works on the Ghab Plain, the execution of which is being left to the Mandatory authorities—and to assume the local financial responsibility within the limits of its regular budget, as approved by the League of Nations.

The French Mandatory authorities propose eventually to naturalise the Assyrians en bloc, after which they will be in the same position and enjoy the same rights as the other religious minorities in the States covered by the mandate for Syria—British Wireless Service.

FRANCO-SOVIET PACT

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In other quarters it is thought possible that Germany will protest against the Franco-Soviet pact on the ground that it is an infringement of the spirit of Locarno.

NO PARTICULAR HURRY Paris: The debate on the Franco-Soviet Russian mutual assistance pact was adjourned yesterday until, to-morrow, after the Right-Wing Deputies had subjected the proposed pact to sharp criticism. The Chamber on a whole seem-



Dr. W. B. A. Moore, O.B.E., L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., L.M. (Rot. Dub.), D.T.M. and H. (Lond.), Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, above, was entertained yesterday at the Gloucester Hotel prior to leaving the Colony on retirement.

AMERICAN DIVORCE HARDSHIP

Ignorance Of Decree For 25 Years

New York.

Although she had been divorced for nearly fifty years, it was only recently that 75-year-old Mrs. Sarah Austin, of Brooklyn, heard about it.

Mrs. Austin applied to the Brooklyn Supreme Court to have the decree set aside so that she might contest the will of her late husband, Stephen Austin, who left \$30,000. She explained that though she and her husband met frequently after they had separated in 1885 he never told her he had obtained a divorce.

It was only after his death when she engaged an attorney to protect her interests that she learned of the divorce—not to mention his two subsequent marriages.

CHIEFTAINS SHOW LOYALTY

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"The name of every man killed in the war on the Italian side stands for an English bullet, every Italian bereavement meaning increased profit for England, since Abyssinia had received from her the means to enable her to resist the advance of civilisation."

Repeating the assertion that the chief adviser to the Negus is the Englishman, Major Holt, the paper stresses that if a balance were drawn up of his activities, Abyssinia would show munitions supplies on one column and pounds on the other. These pounds, however, are soiled with blood—the blood of the valiant youth of proletarian Italy, which had been exploited by its egoistic friends.

"Who can say how many lives would have been saved if the Abyssinians had not been supplied with the most modern death-dealing weapons?"

The words, "all munitions come from England," and the words "treacherous white men, who dishonoured themselves in the service of savages," would have to be kept in mind.—Trans-Ocean Service.

MR. M. MacDONALD ELECTED

2,982 Majority Over Labour Opponent

London, To-day.

The result of the Ross and Cromarty by-election was as follows:—

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald (Conservative) 8,949
Mr. McNeil (Labour) 5,967
Mr. Randolph Churchill (Conservative) 2,427
Mr. Thomas (Liberal) 728

London: The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, who failed to secure his return to Parliament in the General Election, when he was defeated as National-Labour candidate in Ross-shire, was yesterday elected a member for Ross and Cromarty.—British Wireless Service.

ed in no particular hurry to proceed with the ratification, and at this juncture it is impossible to tell whether the debate will be ended to-morrow. — Trans-Ocean Service.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

NEW \$42,000

DOCK BRIDGE FOR LONDON

Present Structure Too Narrow

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT MAKES GRANT

As part of the scheme to improve the approaches to the London docks, it is proposed to build a new bridge in Glamis-road, Stepney, at a cost of \$42,700.

Mr. Horne-Belisha, Minister of Transport, has made a grant to the London County Council towards the cost of the scheme. Contributions are also being made by the Port of London Authority, who won the existing bridge, and the Stepney Metropolitan Borough Council.

The existing swing bridge in Glamis-road over the entrance lock to Shadwell Basin has a carriageway only 8ft. 6in. wide with two narrow footpaths. Much delay is caused to traffic to and from the wharves and warehouses in this neighbourhood. The width of the waterway under the bridge is 60ft. Bascule Type

It is intended to replace this bridge with a new structure of the bascule type which will have a carriageway of 25ft. and adequate accommodation for pedestrians.

The bridge will be operated by electrical machinery of a type that has given satisfaction in other modern bridges and should reduce maintenance difficulties to a minimum.

It is hoped to complete the scheme by the end of the present year.

After successfully passing her trials yesterday the reconditioned Hong Sing is to sail at noon to-day. The ship was formerly the Dimboola, owned by the Melbourne Steamship Company and operated on the Australian coastal trade. Capt. J. H. Gregory, late of the S.S. Hong Peng, is in command.

One case of diphtheria and one of cerebro-spinal meningitis were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended on Monday last.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.67 inch. The total since January 1 has been 2.24 inches, against an average of 1.90 inches.

Among the passengers leaving for the north by the S.S. President Taft this morning were Lieut. George C. Molmphy and Mrs. Molmphy, Mr. A. S. Hensley, Mr. J. E. de Rolland, Mrs. G. de Rolland, the Misses Joseette and Huguette de Rolland, Mr. H. H. Bernstein, Mr. E. E. Waline, Miss Dorcas Snider Molmphy, Mr. O. E. Barrant, the Rev. James Manning and Miss Josephine Price.

Eleven cases of diphtheria (three imported), with five deaths, three of scarlet fever, six of enteric fever (one imported), and five cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis (one imported), with two deaths, were reported to the authorities as having occurred during the week ended Saturday, February 8.

A dinner dance will be held at the Repulse Bay Hotel this evening at 8.30 p.m.

BOY'S GRUESOME FIND
Bank Clerk's Body Near Road

A schoolboy, rambling last month in the landscape near Ventnor and Shanklin, found the decomposed body of a man. There was a shotgun nearby.

The body was later identified as that of Frederick George Scarbrow, a bank clerk, formerly employed at Barclay's Bank, Edgware-road, London. He had been missing from his parent's home in Burghage-road, Herne Hill, since June 26, and was last heard of in a letter sent to his home bearing a Ventnor postmark.

CHURCH AND DANCING

"Ridicule Of London Ungodly Crowd"

MINISTER REPROVED

Interference.

A further statement on the dispute arising out of the presence of a minister at a Christmas party in 1934, at which dancing took place, was issued last month.

The party was held at the house of Mr. John Murray, Provost of Dornoch, and was attended by the Rev. Ewan Macquoen. Mr. Murray, a lay preacher in the Free Presbyterian Church, was expelled from the Church for allowing his children to dance. Later, the Rev. Ewan Macquoen was ordered to appear before the Northern Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church. He refused to do so.

Committee Set Up A committee of four ministers was then set up to consider the matter. In their report they state: "Mr. Macquoen apparently loathes and condemns dancing. But why did he not publicly condemn the dancing which took place in Mr. John Murray's house?"

"We cannot conceive that he condemns dancing which savours of the flesh under any circumstances, whether indulged in by old or young."

"We did not ask for publicity, neither did we seek the public opinion of men who have neither a real nor a Scriptural interest in the things of God. If religion has been brought into contempt and ridiculed by London's ungodly crowd, neither the Kirk Session of Dornoch, nor the Presbytery, nor the Synod can be held responsible."

Satanic Attack

The statement adds: "The Synod did all in their power to settle this painful dispute in a brotherly and Christian spirit. If we have failed it is because we were up against the most determined Satanic attack that we cannot really account for and are puzzled to understand. We must wait patiently until the Most High in His holy condescension reveals it to us as a Church."

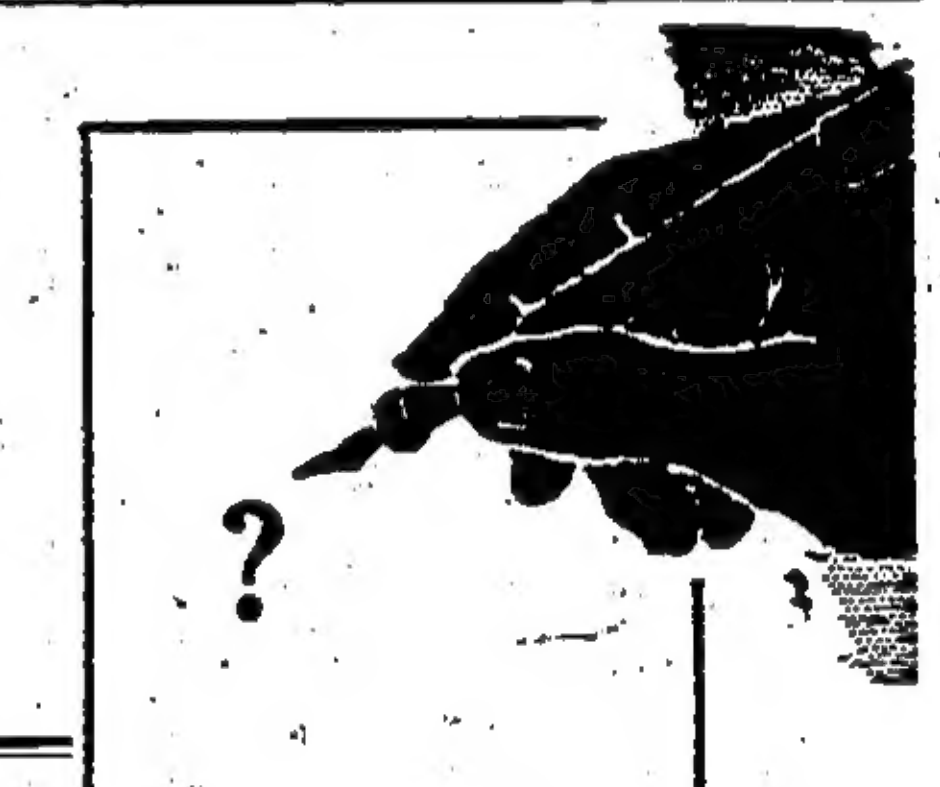
NANYANG CHINESE ASSOCIATION

Office-Bearers For Year 1936:

At the annual general meeting of the Nanyang Chinese Association of Hong Kong, which was recently held in their club-room in China Building, the following office-bearers for the current year were elected:—

Messrs. U Tai-chee (President), Dr. S. W. Phoon (Vice-President), S. B. Tan (Hon. Secretary), Wee Tong-lee (Hon. Treasurer).

The committee members are as follows:—Messrs. Cheng Sam-chong, S. L. Shum, N. C. Loh, Thong Pehing, P. Eng-geh, Chan Hing-cheong, F. S. Tang, Ong Siong-ho and Fung Yat-sing. The Association is at present planning to organise a "membership campaign."



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To-day's Short Story

"So Much Good"

By Frank H. Shaw

THE first mate of the Nyassa was none too gentle with the stowaway as he jolted him aft to the bridge-deck, where Captain Allan was carving a ship-model for his seven-years-old son. Not that the stow-away invited gentleness. His face was scarred and ridged and grimy; his brow was shallow and receding; his body was that of a warped gorilla.

"Well?" Captain Allan asked, and instinctively put himself between the stowaway and Peter, since the boy was the apple of his eye and he had no wish for him to look on unpleasant things. "Found this lump stowed down in the chain-locker, sir," Mr. Fortescue reported crisply. "I'll bet he's a Devil's Island runaway."

Captain Allan nodded. Then he said: "Time to go aft, Peter, and read the log."

The boy scudded happily away. His father scrutinized this human blot discovered aboard a perfectly sound, well-run ship.

"Frenchman?" he asked. Puffed lips opened to reveal ugly broken teeth. The answer was a growl.

"Of no country—now," Pierre Lacoste stared stolidly at his bare, broken feet.

"How did you get here?" Captain Allan spoke a lingu that he flattered himself was French; actually it was a polyglot mixture of Spanish, Chinese and Hindustani, with a very occasional Gallic word thrown in; but Pierre accepted the tone rather than the words.

"I—escaped," Pierre admitted sullenly. "Overboard, m'sien, when a country ship was near. They accepted me."

Since there was no actual raucous in Captain Allan's voice, he lifted dog-like, pleading eyes. "Innocent, of course," said Allan. "All right, Mister—carry on. I'll call you."

The mate walked away indignantly. The old man was too soft, was Mr. Fortescue's opinion—he didn't know how to keep men on their toes.

"I killed a man," said Pierre. "He had stolen my girl, you understand, my captain. You will ask why an ogre like myself should have a girl—ah! You never may tell how love comes. She was of the gutters too—as myself. Beaten by a step-father of no heart. But love brightened her—ah, she was beautiful. Beautiful!"

Captain Allan remembered that his dead wife too had been beautiful. Peter was her image, hence his devotion to the curly head.

"Well?" he asked. There was a tin of cigarettes on a skylight; he helped himself, on impulse he passed one to the stowaway.

"A long time since you smoked, isn't it?" His answer came in the long inhalation, the slow ejection of fragrant smoke.

"This one took my sweetheart," growled Pierre. "It was while I made a voyage, you comprehend m'sien. I could give so little. He offered much—and gave—he gave ruin. So I killed him—with these hands." Extended, they appeared

quite capable of strangling a rhinoceros. "When I returned, she was gone to Buenos Aires, look you!"

"I see."

"He took some finding; for he had influential friends; but I found him. Then the police found me. That is all."

"What good is it to escape?" asked Allan. "They'll get you again, man. Where do you want to go, anyhow?"

"To France, my captain." Allan shrugged. "Straight into the lion's mouth, eh?"

"There was one who betrayed me to the police and he is still alive," started Pierre. "A friend of—that one, see you. In the same trade. I hope to make a settlement. Aboard the prison ship I pictured a meeting with that one. He was too yile to live. M'sien, I killed the wrong man. So I escaped."

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Uncooked Goose," by H. A. Manhood.

A shiver shook Captain Allan, because of the cold vindictiveness in the stowaway's voice. Peter came scudding forward, curly hair flying, face aglow.

"Fifteen and a half since eight bells, sir," he reported. The log-clock was as familiar to him as the grubby palm of his own hand. Being a boy of winning ways he stood beside Pierre, and, unappalled, took the curled fingers of the murderer in his own soft grip.

"I shouldn't do that, Sonny," remonstrated his father, seeing Mr. Fortescue returning. But Peter was a natural child, apt to form his own likes and dislikes.

"Let's keep him, Dad," he suggested. "Watch below, Sonny—this is ship-stuff."

Obediently the boy let go the gnarled paw, trotted away to his father's cabin, and coiled down on the settee.

"There's a pretty useful reward given for returning escaped convicts sir," Fortescue mentioned. "What shall I do, sir? Iron him down in the fore-peak? There'll likely be a French warship hunting him."

"No need for irons, is there, Mister?" Allan had always known his mate to be as mean as they made them.

"From the look of him, sir, he's fit to cut loose and savage us all." "How long since you fed?" Allan asked Pierre.

The Nyassa was two and a half days out from port; that Gulf port where Pierre had left the black-manned coaster, to climb up a rope on the freighter's off side and slide below with the agility of an eel after the thick tropical night had fallen. Pierre placed his hands across his stomach with a vivid gesture.

"Tell the cook to find him something, and turn him to," said Allan.

"He ought to be put in irons, sir," insisted the mate earnestly. He felt a trifle nervous, because he had rough-housed the stowaway unconsciously ever since his presence in the foul-smelling, clammy chain-locker was reported to him.

"Do as you're told," snapped Allan, after another look at Pierre's eyes. "There's a lot of good in most folk, Mister, even if you don't think so."

"You get it in the neck for harbouring these Devil's Island refugees," grumbled Fortescue, obeying. And, out of earshot, he said to Pierre: "One break from you, and I'll keel-haul you. See this?"

It was not actually a revolver that bulged the tapped pocket, but it looked sufficiently intimidating. Not understanding, Pierre showed his broken teeth, in what might have been a conciliatory smile.

"Captain's orders are to give this chap some grub," Fortescue told the "doctor."

A mess-kit of cold scraps was bestowed on the convict. He ate greedily, in an animal-like way, tearing meat from bones with teeth and fingers, gulping unchewed masses down his gullet.

FACES CHARGE OF ABDUCTION

Sequel To Girl's Disappearance

AFTER WHOLE YEAR

The disappearance of a 14-year-old girl in February last had a sequel at Romford last month, when Walter Bert Ross, aged 25, café proprietor, of Rednal Green, London, was charged with abducting the girl.

Supt. Knights said that the girl, a domestic servant living at Cowper-road, Rainham, met Ross on February 15, when he stopped his car to ask her the way. She saw Ross on other occasions and told him there was domestic trouble at home. He then said that he could find her a job with his employers.

Man And Wife. They went in the car to Ilford, where, it was alleged, they hired a room, and Ross said the girl was his wife. They stayed at the place two or three days, but it was not suggested that any relations took place.

The girl was seen leaving a cinema at Ilford by her brother, who took her to the police-station. A warrant was issued, but Ross could not be found until he surrendered the previous night at Hackney.

Ross was remanded, bail being allowed.

SAVED FOR THE BIRDS

Wimbledon Borough Council has refused to allow the erection of flats on a site which has become a bird sanctuary in Lingfield-road, near the Common.

Pierre, uncomprehending, went on eating. This ship, he reflected, was bound east. The incredible foulness of the prison-ship had eaten deeply into his soul, reaffirming the deep-seated intention to destroy Jacques Laquelle. Nothing other than that appeared to matter one jot to him.

His dulled mind relived the torments of the prison-ship.

"Now, then, you get yourself a holystone and a bucket of sand," commanded Mr. Fortescue, returning. "and follow me."

He made himself understood by gestures and odd words of the seaman's lingua franca; Pierre was duly equipped.

Mr. Fortescue led him aft to the poop deck, whence the creamy wake of the hurrying freighter showed straight as a line across the sparkling ultramarine of the sea.

"You can now kneel down and scrub your knuckles off," instructed the mate.

Used to servile toil all his life, Pierre obeyed.

Captain Allan was again hacking away at his ship-model when Peter roused from his afternoon caulk, as by ship-law ordained. The bridge-bell struck eight times; and Peter's work was plain before him. Always at watch-end he scudded aft for the log-reading; that it might be fairly entered in the log-book in the chart-house. Always he climbed the rail recklessly to draw in the out-rigger on which the log-clock was carried.

This time he slipped in his zeal because he was watching Pierre from Devil's Isle.

The convict heard his amazed yell. He saw the little body falling—falling into the curdled wake, in which triangular fins alighted unceasingly. Perhaps he remembered the conking grip of the little hand in his own.

"Hoi!" he yelled. Then he leaped to the rail and dived.

Captain Allan saw him go—looked for Peter, missed him. He ran to his cabin for his rifle, shouting: "Man overboard—all hands!"

The ship swung on a star-boarded helm; swiftly fastened the crisping water. One whitish triangular fin headed towards where a still-ermy mop of hair floated between falling hands.

"Get that boat out!" roared Allan, hurrying to a vantage point. But the rifle mechanism jammed.

Then Allan saw Pierre land himself in the direct path between killer-fish and threatened boy; he saw the sea-avril sudden. Peter swam, Pierre went down. Captain Allan fired at another fin, and hit. "That's the man you wanted, is it?" he said.

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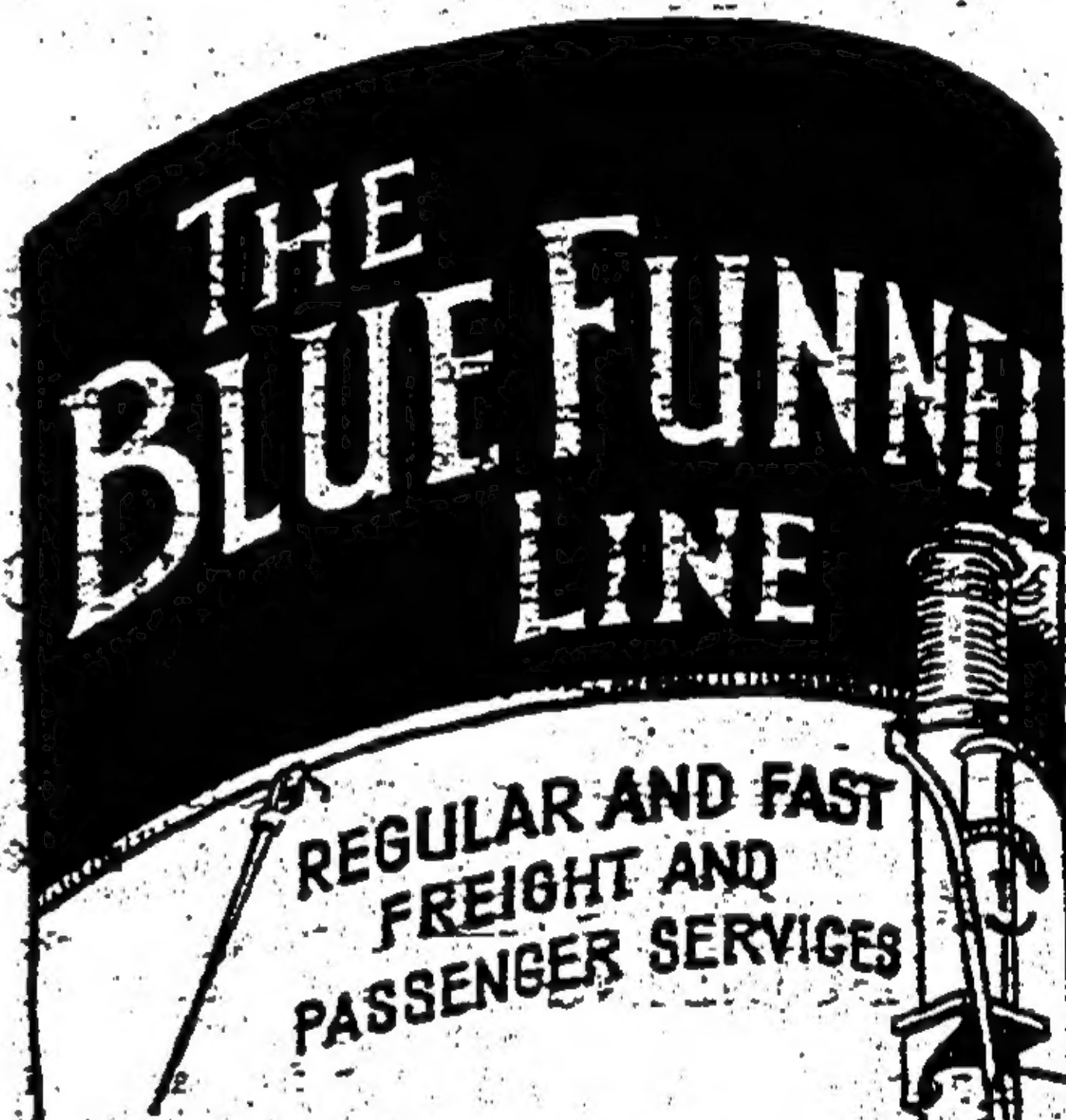
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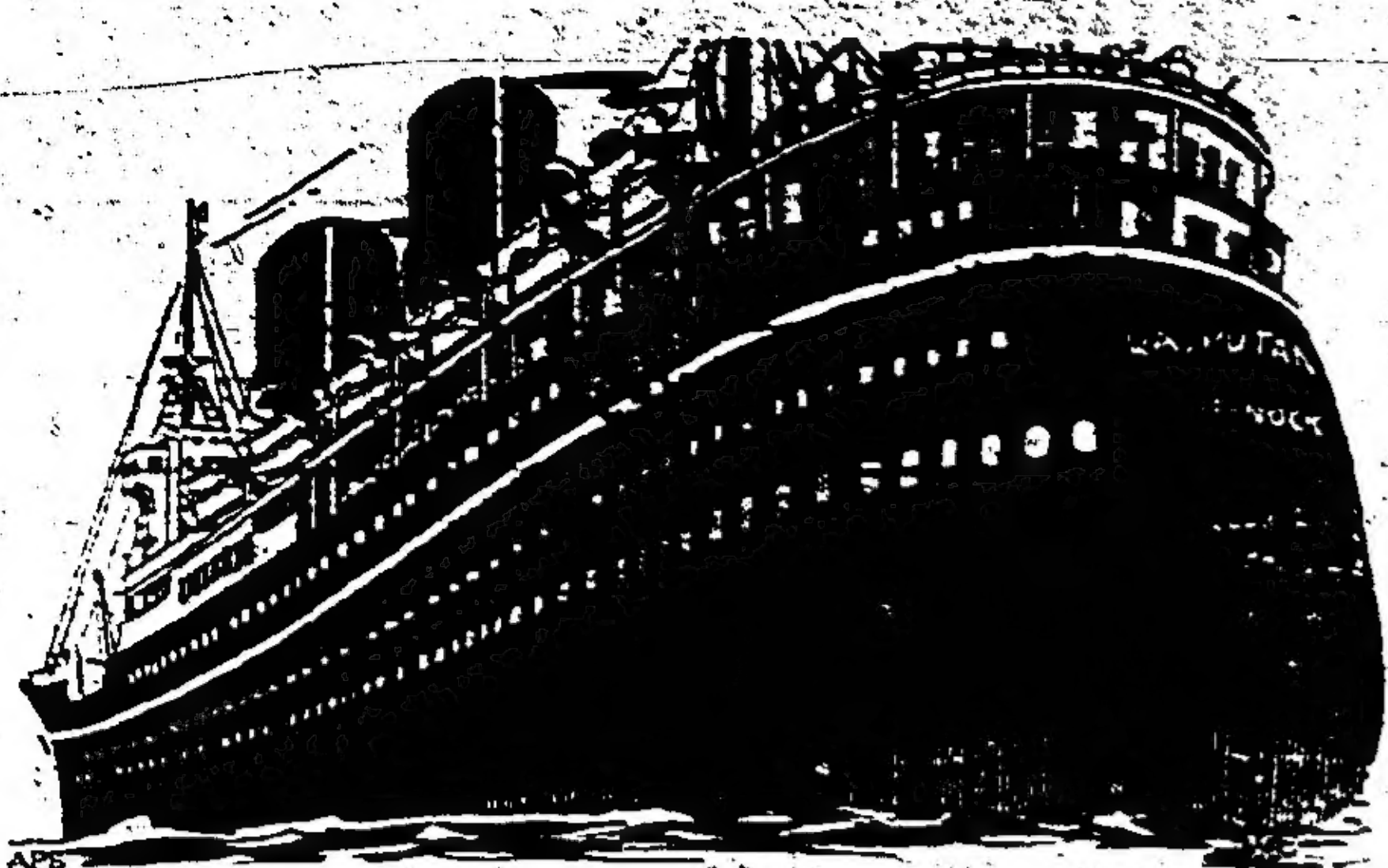
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BANK ROBBERY CHARGES

Bail Refused By Magistrate

ALIBI DEFENCE RAISED

Edinburgh.—Two Scottish bank robberies and a series of thefts of motor-cars containing furs were mentioned at the Edinburgh Sheriff Court recently, when four London men were committed to prison pending further inquiries.

The prisoners were Charles William Harris, commission agent of no fixed address, George John Harris, clerk of Seven Sisters-road, London; Edward Lacy, motor salesman, of Old Kent-road, London, and Henry Levy, confectioner, of Upton-lane, Forest Gate, London.

Revolver Threat

Charles Harris, Lacy, and George Harris were charged with the theft of \$302 from a bank at Siamannan, and presenting a revolver or other weapon at the teller. These three men were also alleged to have carried out a similar raid at a branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh, extorting \$440 from the staff.

An application for bail was made on behalf of the three prisoners on the ground that they required an opportunity to establish evidence of an alibi. It was stated that at the time of the Siamannan bank robbery they were in a restaurant in another town.

Sheriff MacDonald refused bail.

STORY OF SHOP STRUGGLE

Theatre Manager For Trial

George Anthony Smith, aged 37, a theatre manager, with an hotel address in Guilford-street, W.C., was at Bow-street recently committed for trial. The charge was that, armed with an imitation pistol, he assaulted three men in a Maiden-lane jeweller's shop.

William George Drane, an assistant in the shop, said that when Smith entered he placed a wash-leather bag on the counter and while he (Drane) was examining the contents Smith suddenly jumped back, produced a revolver, and said, "Stick 'em up! This is a genuine hold-up. I have two men outside."

Two police officers then entered the shop, and after a violent struggle, during which the pistol went off, seized Smith.

"I thought it was a loaded gun pointed at me," added Drane. "I suffered from shock, and had to go to bed. I was away from work a week."

MILLIONAIRE'S DEATH

Managed Affairs Of Indian State

Bombay.—Mr. F. E. Dinshaw, a Bombay millionaire-financier, was riding on the beach at Juhu recently when he said that he felt unwell, slipped from his horse, and died from heart failure.

He is said to have left £3,000,000.

Mr. Dinshaw began his career as a solicitor in a firm of which he eventually became partner. He was a director of the India Reserve Bank and other Bombay banks, of the Tata Steel Company, and of 70 other companies.

He managed the financial affairs of the State of Gwalior, dealing with millions of pounds.

FRIGHTENED HORSE BOLTS

Barking Dog Causes Death

It was stated at the Windsor inquest recently on Mr. Rex Edwards, aged 35, a Slough dentist, that when he was riding in Windsor Great Park a dog barked at his horse's heels and the horse bolted and he fell off and was killed.

The horse was stated to be particularly quiet, and Edwards was described as a fairly capable horseman. The verdict was accidental death.



Here is demonstrated a successful treatment in trimming wool with black satin, which is set in diagonal bands on the upper part of the frock. The turn-down collar is of carnal. Bette Davis, the screen actress, is the model.

MAN'S FRAUD ON BAKERS

Rabbit Pelt In Loaf

A man who tried to obtain compensation by representing to a firm of bread manufacturers that he had eaten a portion of a loaf which contained a dead rat, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, at Glasgow recently, for attempted fraud.

The prosecutor said the man, Thomas Mitchell, called at a grocer's shop at Bridgeton and produced a loaf which he said his wife had bought the previous day. He complained that there had been a rat in the bread and ultimately signed a form and accepted payment for £3 10s for compensation.

Later he called at another firm of bread manufacturers in Glasgow and produced a portion of a loaf which he declared had a rat or a mouse in it. The firm had the loaf examined by a City analyst, and it was discovered that the substance was a singed portion of the pelt of a rabbit.

AGED COUPLE'S DEATH

Man Of 80 Who Was Found In Lake

Amersham.—The police are investigating the deaths of Albert Keen, aged 80, and his wife, Elizabeth, aged 81, of Whielden-street, Amersham.

The man had always expressed a desire to die first. One day he found his wife dead, apparently from a heart attack. He ran to a doctor and informed a neighbour.

A little later Miss W. Mansfield, who lives near Shardeloes lake, saw the man fall into the water.

INJURED MAN DISAPPEARS

Before Police Could Investigate

Last month a man walked into St. Thomas's Hospital during the night with his face covered with blood. There was a severe cut upon his right cheek, and half his right ear was missing.

The man received attention, but before the police could reach the hospital to interrogate him he disappeared from the building.

The police were later searching for the man, who was said to be heavily bandaged.

A HUNDRED DAYS OF THE WAR

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concealed from the air, crossed the Talkase river, now reported fordable, under cover of darkness, and penetrated far into the Italian lines. On each occasion the Italian troops had to give ground.

Whether the Abyssinians are still holding their farthest points of penetration at the Dembequina pass and Abi Addi is less important than the fact that they have been able to deliver these vigorous and well-timed thrusts, which mark an important strategic success.

Losses Admitted

The Italians admit the loss of nearly 600 killed in the three fights, with a high proportion of officers, and practically no wounded—an ominous record.

The most striking features of the fighting have been the astonishingly high morale of the Abyssinians and the impunity with which considerable forces can penetrate far within the territory which the Italians claim to have occupied. Difficulties of supply force the latter to hold their flank with small posts precariously supported by mobile columns, while lateral communication behind the line seems to be almost non-existent.

The Abyssinian tactics seem to have successfully countered Italian superiority in armament. The heavier calibres of artillery, brought to the front with such labour, seem to be useless; the country is hardly suitable for tanks; and aeroplanes have ceased to have either moral or material effect except against Red Cross hospitals. For the time being the initiative on this front has passed to the Abyssinians, and any Italian advance seems to be still further postponed.

On Southern Front

If we turn to the southern front, the present situation is equally depressing for the Italians.

Since their reconnoitring detachment was caught napping on November 11 at Anale, 12 miles south of Sasa Baneh, and was compelled to retreat with the loss of four tanks, there has been no news of any serious fighting. The Italian line runs, as it did two months ago, from Ual Ual through Gerlogubi, Gabredarre (15 miles north of Gorabai), Danan (60 miles west of Gorabai on a tributary of the Webbe Shebeli), and then bends back to Dolo at the junction of the three frontiers.

Gen. Graziani has now moved up his white division to the Dolo area, leaving only the native division and some irregulars to hold the long front from Danan to Ual Ual. If Ras Desta's force was sent to the valley of the Juba to create a diversion and draw off Italian troops from their true objective, the strategy has been astonishingly successful, for nearly half their forces in the Ogaden are tucked away on the extreme left flank.

Two Months' Inertia

The Tevere (Blackshirt) Division is reported to have arrived at Mogadisho. A division from Libya is also on its way through the Canal and may be sent to this front. But neither of these two divisions is likely to be available for some little time. One would have thought that some of the mechanised troops in the north could move suitably be employed here. Something definitely seems to have gone wrong on the Italian side in the Ogaden, as it is difficult to account for the complete inertia of the last two months.

The Abyssinian forces remain intact, and while not seriously disputing the desert, may be expected to fight at Jijiga and Sasa Baneh. There seem to be months of severe fighting ahead before the Italians reach Harar and cut the railway.

Looking at the situation as a whole, it has definitely deteriorated from the Italian point of view. There is no need to dissent from Signor Mussolini's observation as to the necessity of "indispensable pauses" in wars of this character. But they are extremely inconvenient when the country has been led to expect quick victories.

Moreover, the rigour of the restrictions imposed by the Government as a reply to Signor Mussolini's observation as to whether the economic life of the country, and with it the prosecution of the war, can stand if the pauses are frequent and prolonged.

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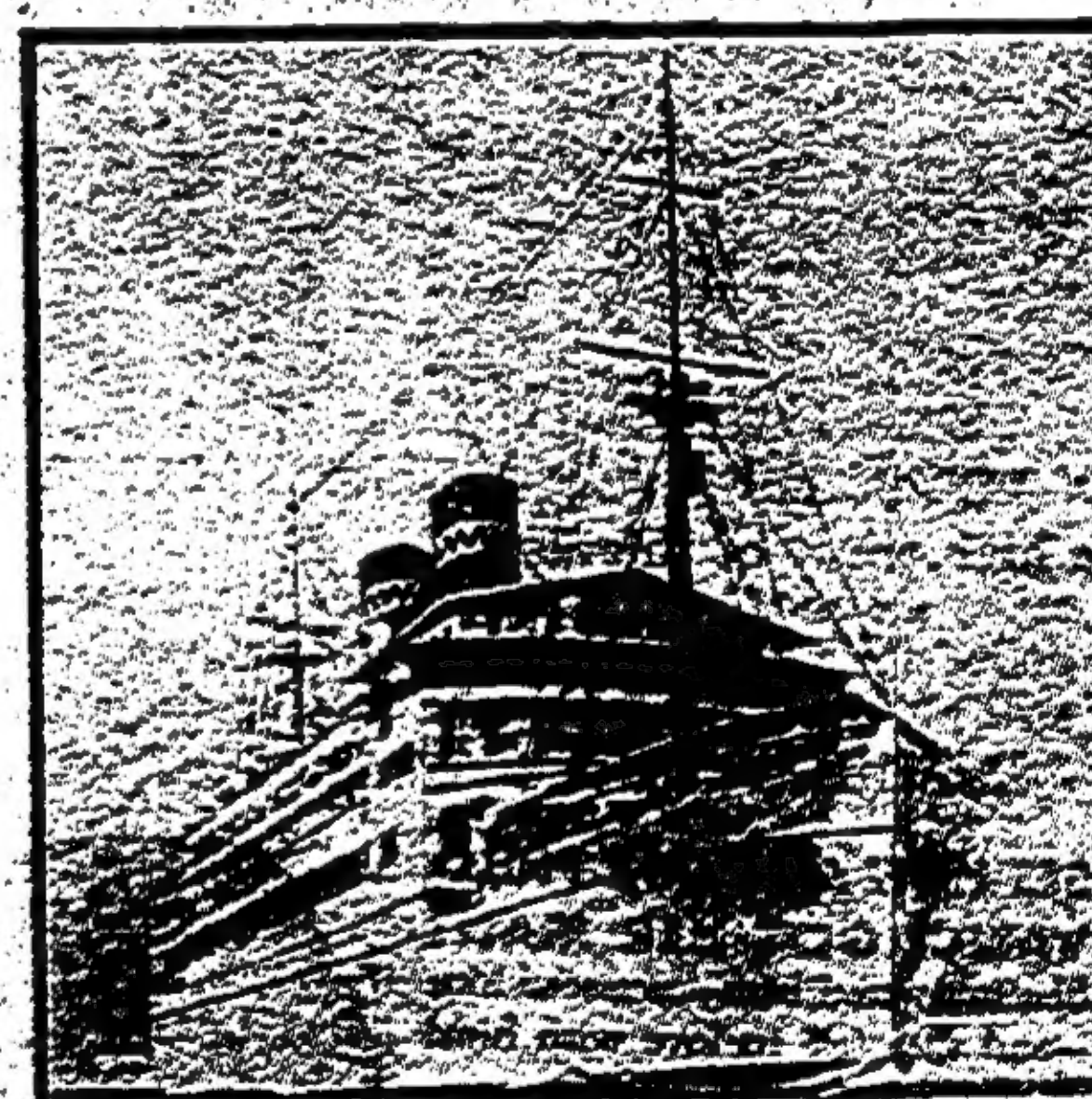
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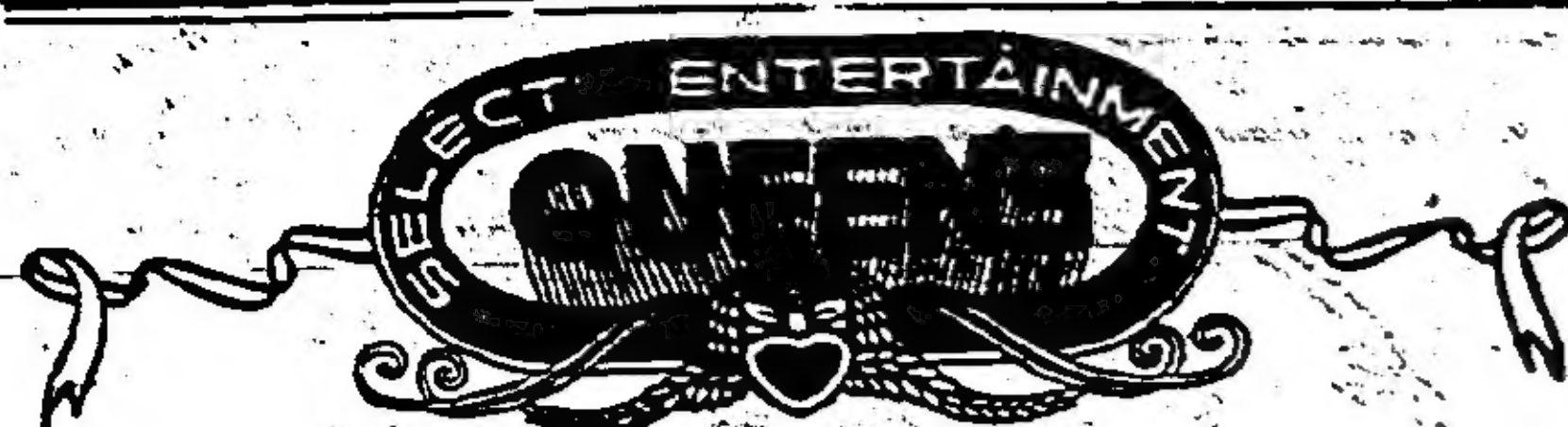
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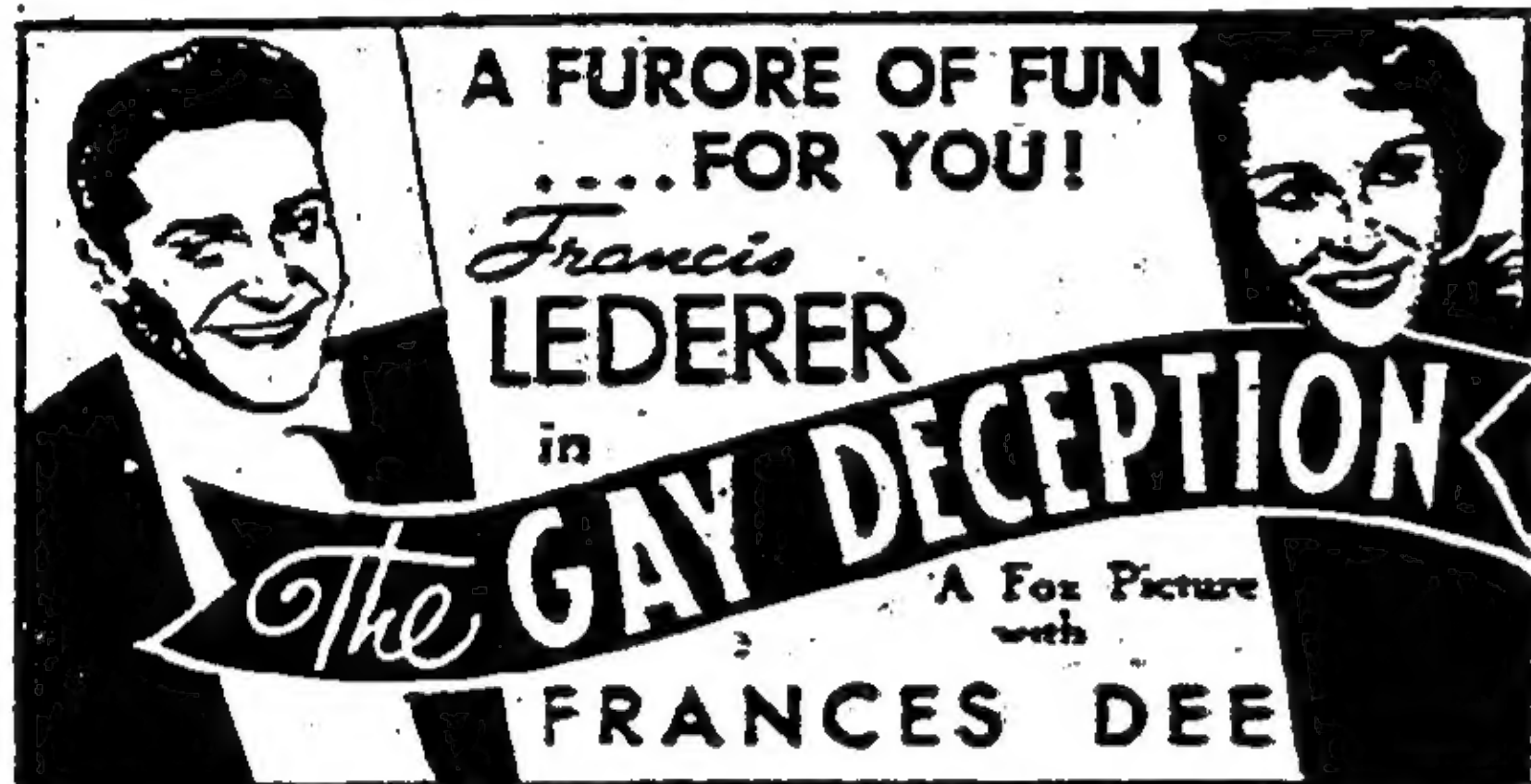


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HU HAN-MIN'S MOVEMENTS

Secretary Meets Press

ALL PREVIOUS RUMOURS CLEARED UP

Canton, To-day.
The rumour to the effect that Mr. Hu Han-min will remain in Canton for an indefinite period was proved to be unfounded, according to his private secretary, Mr. Wang Yung-chung, who revealed the truth in an interview with the press yesterday.

"Mr. Hu will return to Hong Kong," declared Mr. Wang, "after a brief stay of another few days." The secretary also made an assurance that the veteran Kuomintang leader will proceed to the capital to assume his duties shortly, but the date of his sailing has not yet been fixed.

Mr. Wang admitted his ignorance of the report that Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, will come South to hasten Mr. Hu's departure. This was also denied by Mr. Sun himself.

The bleak cold winter compelled Mr. Hu to postpone his trip for the north so as to escape the unfavourable weather, although he has been in high spirits since his recuperation in Europe—Central News Agency.

NOTED SPORTSMAN PASSES

Once Dublin's Chief Of Police

EX-HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPION OF BRITISH ARMY

Lieut.-Colonel Sir Walter Edgeworth-Johnstone, who was Dublin's Chief Commissioner of Police 1915-23, has died. He was knighted in 1924.

A great athlete himself, Sir Walter did all he could to promote physical fitness in others by writing books and instructing classes. He played Rugby for Dublin University and Sandhurst. He was amateur heavyweight champion of the Army in 1894 and then amateur champion of England and Ireland.

He was amateur sabre champion in 1898 and 1900, and won many trophies for his skill with foils and bayonet. He also went in for cricket, fishing and shooting.

He served in the Army in India, in West Africa and in Ireland. Later he commanded the 4th Battalion Royal Irish Regiment.

He died at his London home in Regent's Park-terrace, N.W.

WATER SUPPLY OF JERUSALEM

Age-Old Menace Of Drought Removed

Jerusalem.

The problem of drought in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which has agitated rulers since the time of Pontius Pilate, has been solved by British engineers.

From to-day water will flow into Jerusalem's western reservoir from the head-waters of a coastal river named Ras-el-Ain.

The water will be brought through 31 miles of eighteen-inch steel piping from the springs to Jerusalem. There are four pumping stations with a reservoir at each station.

There were delays in the construction of the pipeline. The water has to be pumped to an altitude of 2,700 feet—Reuter.

HUGE ESTATE OF BLIND EARL

Death Duties Amount To £1,108,823

The Earl of Dysart, the blind earl, who died in November last, left £2,104,311, on which estate duty of £1,108,823 has been paid.

His bequests included one year's salary for each five years of service to each person employed by him. To his niece, the Countess of Dysart, he left one-half of the remains absolutely. The remaining half he left for the purchase of freehold property in England to be settled upon the line of heirs of Elizabeth, first Countess of Dysart.

LAW AND JUSTICE IN GERMANY

Minister's Lecture In Poland

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.
The Reich Minister without Portfolio, Dr. Frick, went from Berlin to Warsaw on Monday.

He will deliver a lecture on "Law and Justice in National-Socialist Germany" at the invitation of the Society for the Promotion of International Co-operation on Intellectual Fields—Trans-Ocean Service.

ROMAN PRIEST SENTENCED

Alleged Distribution Of Marxist Pamphlets

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The Catholic Priest Reuter was sentenced here yesterday by the People's Court to two years' imprisonment, after having been found guilty of having distributed inflammatory Marxist pamphlets of the worst description.

One of the pamphlets contained a prayer inveighing against the Government in the approved manner of Marxist anti-God propaganda—Trans-Ocean Service.

MAN'S DEATH MYSTERY

Poisoning Case Suspected

Plymouth.

A post-mortem examination was to have been made on John Scott, aged 30, of Kelly Green, Saint Kew Highway, Bodmin, Cornwall, who died in hospital here.

Scott was taken ill with internal pains on Boxing Day and was brought to Plymouth by ambulance the following day. He died eight hours later and an official at the hospital stated that death was due to arsenical poisoning.

The post-mortem was to have been carried out by Dr. Eric Wordley, a Plymouth pathologist. Pending the result the hospital authorities refused to give any further information. It was understood, however, that neither the Plymouth police nor the Cornwall county police suspected foul play at the time.

TANGLED PLEAS IN COURT

Motorist "Not Guilty," Then "Guilty"

When Humphrey H. Wiles, of The Drive, Belmont, was summoned at Mortlake recently for exceeding the speed limit, one solicitor rose and said "Not guilty," and another said "Guilty." Wiles at the time was not present, and an adjournment was granted to enable the solicitors to clear up the tangle.

Immediately one of the solicitors had left the court, Wiles appeared and the remaining solicitor acted for him. Previously he had pleaded "not guilty," but now he said "Guilty."

Wiles, who was stated to have driven at 55 miles an hour, was fined £5.

RESTORATION OF MEMORY

Secrets Revealed By Drugs

Dr. J. Stephen Horsley, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Dorset Mental Hospital, says in a letter to the *Lancet*, that there are drugs which will facilitate not only the divulgence of carefully guarded secrets but also the restoration of forgotten memories.

Dr. Horsley has experimented with various drugs and says:

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BOXER FUNDS IN CHINA

Conference Held At Nanking

SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Nanking, To-day.

Several minor resolutions were passed at the fourth conference of the representatives of the different Boards for administering the returned Boxer Indemnity funds, which was convoked by the Executive Yuan yesterday.

Referring to the proposal that a greater portion of the Sino-American and Sino-French Boxer funds should be invested in domestic productive enterprises, it was decided that the representatives of the China Foundation for the Promotion of Culture and Education and the China-France Mixed Commission present yesterday should approach their respective Boards to make concrete plans.

Other Proposals

Concerning the proposal submitted by the Ministry of Education that the Sino-British, Sino-American, Sino-French and Sino-Belgian Commissions should increase their appropriations for promoting education in China, it was decided that the Ministry of Education should directly approach various organs for funds.

Another proposal was also submitted by the Ministry of Education to the meeting that the Sino-British, Sino-French and Sino-American Boards should make larger grants to the Universities of Yunnan and Kwangsi starting from the next calendar year. It was decided that special attention should be devoted by the three above-mentioned organs to develop higher education in the two southwestern provincial universities.—Central News Agency.

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Lost Masterpiece By Frans Hals

FINDER'S PROFIT OF 100,000 PER CENT.

A Brighton man who, some time ago, bought an "oil painting in heavy moulded gilt frame" for £3, sold it last month at Christie's for 2,800 guineas—a profit of nearly 100,000 per cent.

He said that when he bought the picture at an auction, after some strenuous bidding in shilling and half-crown advances, he found on the back a note stating that, in 1892, it was bought for £30 as the work of John Phillip, R.A.

When he took it to Christie's, however, Sir Alec Martin recognised it as a little masterpiece by Frans Hals, akin in style to one in the National Gallery of Dublin, of which Sir Alec is a trustee. It represents two jolly little Dutch fishermen at Scheveningen.

Dealers "Play Ostrich"

Although advised that his "find" would probably be warmly welcomed in the London saleroom, the buyer decided not to attend the sale. He missed some interesting bidding.

After Mr. Gordon Hadden, the auctioneer, had called for an opening bid of £300, it was some time before a call of £100 was made. The dealers were playing ostrich as usual. Soon they were all agog, yet such was their assumed hesitancy that successively £500, £1,000, £1,200, £1,350, £1,700, £2,000, £2,200 and £2,500 seemed to be a certain winning post.

Throughout the course Miss de Casseres, acting for her father, stayed well. The Dutch dealers kept sporting, but in the end the representative of Messrs. Spink and Son had the final call at 2,800gs.

There was a time when works by Frans Hals used to be attributed to that capable British artist, Frank Hall, R.A. (1845-88). Those days are over.

GENERAL CHANG IN NANKING

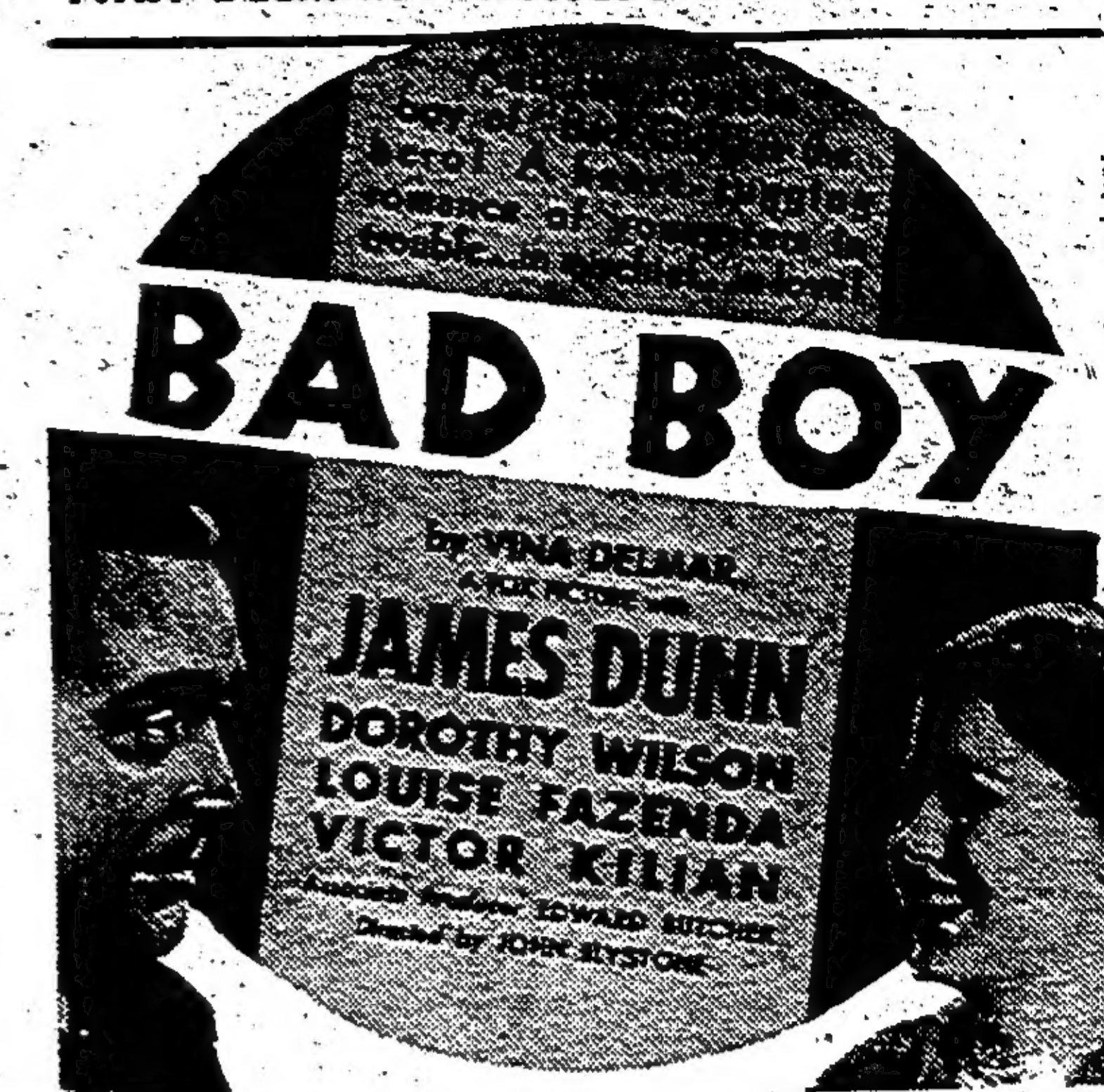
Nanking, To-day. — General Chang Hsueh-liang arrived here from Shanghai by his private Boeing plane yesterday. Shortly after his arrival he called on General Chiang Kai-shek, reporting the progress of the entire campaign in North Shensi.—Central News Agency.

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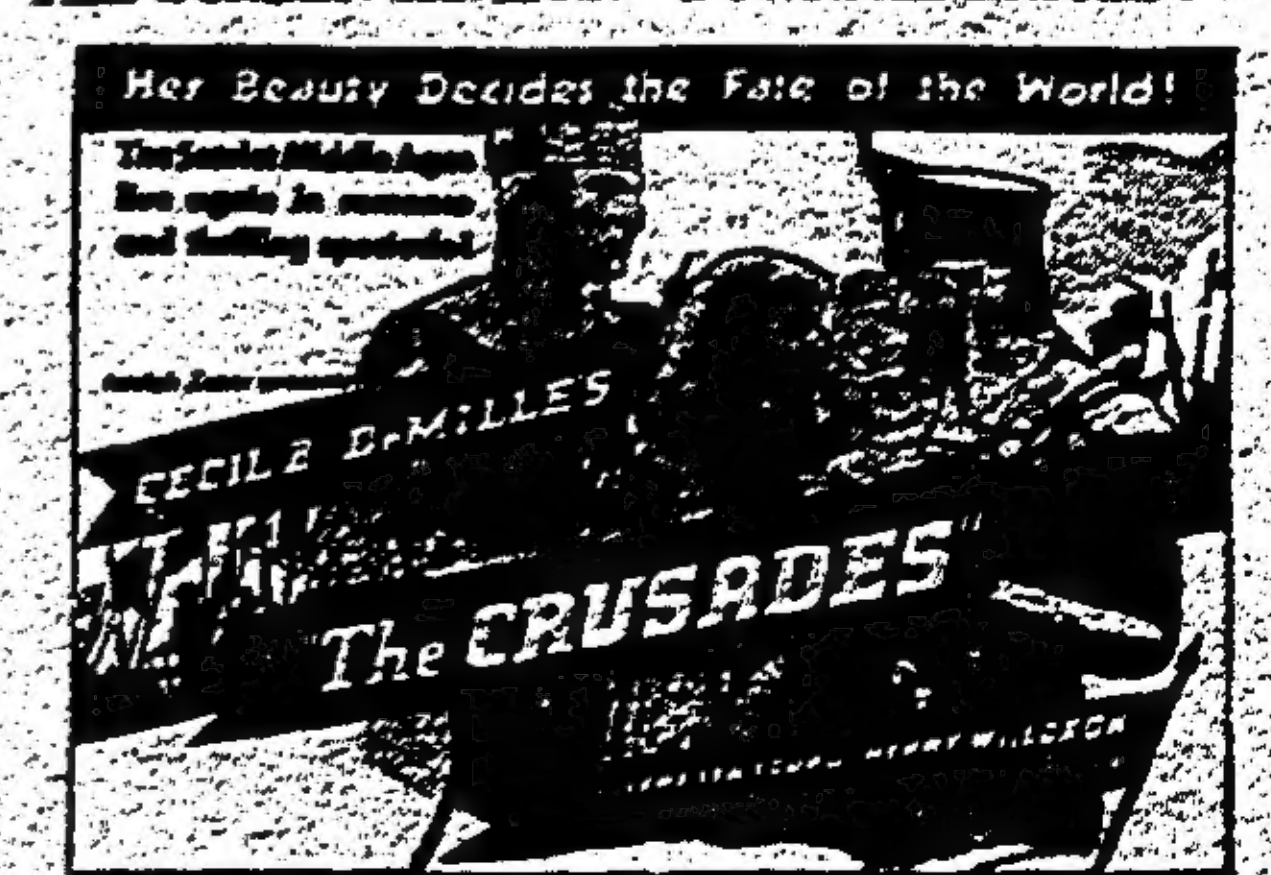


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